

Third Sector Statistics User Panel for Wales: Minutes of Meeting

WCVA, Baltic House, Mount Square, Cardiff Bay
Thursday 27 April 2017 – 13:30-16:30

Attendees		
Samantha	Collins	Welsh Government
John	Gossage	Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services
Andy	Green	AndyGreenCreativity
David	James	Rural Housing Enabler
Glyn	Jones	Welsh Government
Sue	Leake	Welsh Government
Amanda	Lever	Umbrella Cymru
Carys	Moseley	Cytun
Anna	Nicholl	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Julie	Skelton	Carers Wales
Hannah	Thomas	Welsh Government
Neil	Townsend	Office for National Statistics
Hade	Turkmen	Chwarae Teg
Catrin	James	Urdd
Apologies		
Paul	Glaze	Council for Wales of voluntary Youth Services
Nia	Jones	Welsh Government
Huw	Gapper	Welsh Language Commissioner's Office
Fiona	Liddell	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Martin	Fidler Jones	RSPCA Cymru
Gowan	Watkins	Welsh Government
Carl	Gough	Community Transport Association UK
Lucy	Knight	Chwarae Teg

		Action points
1	Welcome and Introductions	Glyn Jones
<p>GJ opened the meeting and welcomed members, reiterating the purpose of the Third Sector Panel.</p> <p>The order that items were presented was slightly different to that shown here and in the Agenda.</p>		
2	Papers: Quarterly Statistics Newsletter, demography and the Census	Glyn Jones
<p>These topics were covered in the agenda items.</p>		
3	Statistical Update: Review of last six months and plans for the next six months	
<p>GJ gave a presentation that pulled together statistical plans for the year ahead, inviting feedback about the work and priorities of Welsh Government (WG).</p> <p>Covering the following Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Cutting Activity • Data Linking • Welsh Language • Health, Social Services and Population Statistics • Housing and Environment • Social Justice and Equality • Agriculture and rural affairs • School Stats • School Work Force Data • Post 16 Education • Economic, labour market and transport data <p>There was discussion on how the Panel can highlight the data that is useful so that WG can tailor outputs according to user need. JG indicated that having disaggregated data is useful to be able to build up data and see interesting patterns.</p> <p>GJ responded that additional analyses and more detail can be requested from Welsh Government statisticians who will endeavour to provide the data providing sample size and disclosure rules allow it.</p> <p>On the National Survey for Wales, GJ highlighted some interesting analyses (using regression) published on factors that explain the variance in well-being.</p> <p>AN commented that it is helpful to understand elements of the</p>		<p>GJ to send user Panel a link to the blog on Lle</p> <p>GJ will send out the statistics business plan for this year to user Panel.</p> <p>GJ to write a note on the digital economy bill and share with Panel.</p>

<p>National Survey when thinking about what analyses they might want e.g. on volunteering. CJ added that it's also helpful to know what data is already available to aid decisions around what organisations should include on their own surveys.</p>	
<p>4 Update on WIMD and Demonstration of interactive tool</p>	<p>Hannah Thomas</p>
<p>HT presented on the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation. She explained how the index and domain ranks are calculated from various indicators that make up each domain and that although a full index is only calculated every four to five years, some indicators are updated annually. It has recently been announced that the next full WIMD Index will be calculated in 2019.</p> <p>Members tried out the Interactive tool, through which it is possible to type in a Welsh Postcode/ areas of interest and view a deprivation profile for those areas relative to other areas.</p> <p>HT outlined what WIMD data can be used for (e.g. Understanding health inequalities, funding bids) and gave examples of who uses WIMD data (Local Government/Health visitors etc.) Indicator data is available on StatsWales and there are also other more detailed analyses such as analyses looking at deprivation in rural areas and for children, available on the WG WIMD web pages.</p> <p>Improvements are being made to the WG WIMD pages as well as StatsWales pages and any feedback on the pages would be gratefully received.</p> <p>There was a discussion on how WIMD would be relevant to A-level students/teachers working on the Welsh Baccalaureate qualification. HT to look further into how WG might increase awareness of WIMD data in schools.</p> <p>AN asked about the possibility of getting WIMD information onto a blog to users - HT to look into this. HT said that WG are also hoping to develop some WIMD training resources.</p> <p>Discussion about raising awareness amongst the Third Sector and in schools, and training to encourage user confidence.</p> <p>GJ considering training need; he will send an email around asking what kind of training users would want (e.g. online videos, seminars etc.) to help them to access and use StatsWales data more generally.</p> <p>AN using relevant networks to improve users understanding of WG data.</p>	<p>HT to consider how awareness of WIMD could be raised in schools.</p> <p>HT to look into creating a WIMD blog for the WCVA</p> <p>GJ to send out email asking about how StatsWales training should be implemented.</p>

5	Plans for Future Trends report and first National Well-being report	Glyn Jones
<p>Under the Well being for Future Generations Act WG are required to publish a future trends report alongside a Ministerial statement.</p> <p>This report aims to understand trends on a range of topics (health challenges, climate change, poverty) to help improve decision making capability. It is also intended to support the future development of the Public Service Boards well-being assessments.</p> <p>This report is intended to provide a narrative of evidence which avoids silo thinking and encourages thinking about how issues interact.</p> <p>A statutory report is to be updated every five years but it is intended that this resource and its accessibility will evolve in future.</p> <p>The first annual National Well-being report is due to be published in July 2017. This will report on progress around the seven well-being goals and makes reference to the 46 well-being indicators. The report is intended to reflect the integrated nature of the indicators and how they may impact on one another.</p> <p>This report is reliant on the National Survey for Wales - results due to be published in June 2107. GJ demonstrated how each indicator will have its own page and explained how it is possible to click on goals and find out which indicators relate to each of the well-being goals and to the UN Sustainable Development goals.</p> <p>GJ reiterated that the indicators measure progress for the whole of Wales rather than on performance of public bodies.</p> <p>HT (Hade Turkmen) asked a question about the approach to data on equality. GJ mentioned the wellbeing goal to have a more equal Wales and added that the report will pull out key areas of inequality such as in health, education, employment. Where it is possible to do so, statistics will be broken down by various characteristics and at a local level on StatsWales. SL also highlighted a recently published report: Review of the Evidence on Inequality in Wales.</p> <p>JG asked a question about a couple of specific Environmental Indicators which SL responded to.</p>		<p>GJ to update Panel when Future Trends report is published.</p> <p>GJ to send equality report to Panel (link in Actions)</p>
6	Update on the Housing condition evidence Project	Sue Leake
<p>SL presented on the Housing Conditions Evidence Project (HCEP), a three year programme funded by WG to close the gap in knowledge about the condition of housing in Wales.</p> <p>In response to a question SL explained that the sample is intended to be representative of the housing stock in Wales but there will be an oversampling of rented accommodation and those in poorer</p>		<p>SL to send stakeholder update around to the Panel.</p>

	<p>condition so that more can be learned about these.</p> <p>Whilst the housing conditions survey attempts to provide information at a national level, the dwelling spine (soon to change name) will enable modelling of lower level data by bringing together and making increased use of administrative data.</p> <p>DJ would be interested in being able to differentiate conditions in rural areas compared to urban areas.</p> <p>SL mentioned that a stakeholder update on this is being produced and that she will send this around to members.</p> <p>AN suggested information on the programme could be circulated to housing associations through the housing head on the Third Sector Partnership Council. SL indicated what groups are already being advised of, and engaged in the programme. She will consider any useful further means of communicating that programme.</p>	
7	Census Transformation Programme	Neil Townsend
	<p>The presentation covered the census test taking place this year; new questions on the census; the process for adding/taking away or adapting questions.</p> <p>2017 Census Test - Piloting rolling census out, primarily online instead of on paper, looking to see how this influences response rates etc. Also testing impact of asking a question about sexual identity and piloting a volunteering question.</p> <p>There was a discussion on groups that might be harder to access and households with multiple occupancies. NT to look into how many people in a household the online form can accommodate. NT indicated that special arrangements are in place for communal establishments, which can be a challenge.</p>	
8	Future Agenda Items and date of next meeting	Glyn Jones
	<p>Agreed that six months is a good time scale for these meetings. GJ encouraged feedback about the Panel and how it is useful/how it could be improved. Members suggested morning meetings may be better. GJ to consider arranging the next one in the morning, perhaps with a lunch break.</p> <p>Date of next meeting to be arranged.</p> <p>Ideas for Agenda for next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Survey for Wales Results 	GJ to consider morning meetings in future.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Trends and Annual Well-being Reports • Digital Economy Bill 	
9	Any other Business	Glyn Jones
Creation of a social capital dashboard for Wales – Andy Green		
<p>AG gave an overview of the creation of the social Capital Dashboard. He defined Social Capital explaining that it is made up of three elements. He suggested that although we are now more connected to people who are similar to ourselves there is a decrease in how well we are connected with those dissimilar to ourselves. The creation of the dashboard is intended to begin to address the challenge of a declining social capital in society by identifying data that is available that could monitor the social capital challenge.</p> <p>He invited members to advise him of any information they may have that could be useful in monitoring social capital.</p>		Members to contact AG if they have any relevant data.
<p>SL told the Panel that ONS are hosting a Welsh Data dive in May (20/21). The purpose of which is to help charities to ‘dive’ into their data. Information on this had already been circulated by AN.</p> <p>Members suggested that now the Panel is established it would be useful to review membership, and re-advertise to the Third Sector Network.</p>		<p>AN and SL to consider further approach to meetings membership, and invitations to join group.</p> <p>AN to feedback on what would make Panel more or less useful/ tailored/ targeted</p>

Summary of Action Points		
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2	GJ will send out to user Panel the statistics business plan for this year	Glyn Jones
3	GJ to write a note on the digital economy bill and share with Panel	Glyn Jones – completed 210717
4	Consider how awareness of WIMD could be raised in schools	Hannah Thomas
5	Look into creating a WIMD blog	Hannah Thomas
6	Send out email asking about how StatsWales training should be implemented	Glyn Jones
7	Update Panel when Future Trends report is published	Glyn Jones
8	Send equality report to Panel	Glyn Jones – completed – see link at item 5 above
9	Send stakeholder update around to Panel	Sue Leake
10	Consider morning meetings in future	Glyn Jones
11	Members to contact AG if they have any relevant data	Members of Panel
12	Consider further approach to meetings membership, and invitations to join group	Anna Nicholl and Sue Leake
13	AN to feedback on what would make Panel more or less useful/ tailored/ targeted	Anna Nicholl