

Third Sector Statistics User Panel for Wales: Minutes of Meeting

WCVA, Baltic House, Mount Square, Cardiff Bay
Thursday 08 November 2018 – 9:30-12:30

Attendees		
David	Cook (DC)	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Aaron	Fortt (AF)	Welsh Government
Chris	O'Brien (CO'B)	RSPCA Cymru
Glyn	Jones (GJ)	Welsh Government (Chair)
Sue	Leake (SL)	Welsh Government
Chelsie	John (CJ)	Welsh Government (Minutes)
Alex	Osmond (AO)	The Wallich
Judith	Stone (JS)	Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)
Clare	Sain-ley-Berry (CS)	Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)
Hade	Turkmen (HT)	Chwarae Teg
Presenters		
Don	A'Bear (DA'B)	Welsh Government
Scott	Clifford (SC)	Welsh Government
Rachel	Lloyd (RL)	Welsh Government
Steve	Hughes (SH)	Welsh Government
Apologies		
Paul	Glaze	Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services
Catrin	James	Urdd Gobaith Cymru
Martin	Fidler Jones	Tenovus Cancer Care
David	James	Monmouthshire and Powys County Councils
Carys	Moseley	Cytûn
Rhodri	Bowen	People & Work
Fiona	Liddell	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
John	Gossage	Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services

Action points		
1	Welcome and Introductions	Glyn Jones, Welsh Government
GJ noted apologies for those who could not attend the meeting and explained that all Power Point presentations would be circulated after the meeting.		
2	Papers: Minutes and actions, Quarterly Statistics newsletter, demography and the Census	Glyn Jones, Welsh Government
<p>The Stats quarterly update and the demography newsletter were noted.</p> <p>Action 2: SL explained that she would get back to the group this month on the subject raised last meeting on electoral statistics.</p> <p>Action 9: SL had enquired about the 'Demonstrating Success' tool and noted she believed it was used in the past but is no longer used. Awaiting clarification of this.</p> <p>JS noted that they are working with Inspiring Impact Wales who support charities on measuring and evaluating impact. There are training opportunities available. GJ stated that the Welsh Government would like more information on the dates available as Social Researchers would have an interest in this.</p> <p>Action 12: SL stated that the idea of satellite accounts for carers has now been raised with the Office for National Statistics (ONS).</p> <p>Action 13: GJ and SL noted that they would like to here if any of the group are interested in projections or information about flows.</p> <p>Action 14: GJ indicated he would raise this issue with others within Statistical Services</p> <p>Action 17: CS stated that she has been in contact with SC and that an example of research on Mental Health Costs has now been provided. Action complete.</p> <p>Follow-up on Royal Statistical Society (RSS) programme and Government Statistical Service (GSS) support for third sector: JS said that RSS had run of their events at the WCVA, to explain their scheme to support Third Sector with pro-bono advice, but suggested that the RSS and ONS run a session together to explain what exactly they offer, perhaps at Gofod 3. GJ updated on the GSS Analytical Volunteer Scheme</p> <p>Any applications were being processed and matching volunteer government analysts with organisation applying is being done. HT stated that the GSS are much clearer in their explanation of how they help than the RSS. She has found this to be a useful programme.</p> <p><i>Statistics Wales Quarterly Update</i> GJ highlighted a few items within the Stats Wales Quarterly Update. Housing – Fieldwork for the Welsh Housing Condition Survey has been completed and the priority is to get the headline results published as well as fuel poverty statistics. Housing Stock Analytical Resource progress report has been published and SL can circulate.</p>		<p>Action: SL to get back to the group on electoral statistics.</p> <p>Action: JS to provide information on training dates from Inspiring Impact Wales</p> <p>Action: GJ to share with others in WG Statistical Services the issues raised with the process of filling in the Wellbeing of Wales user survey.</p> <p>Action: JS to follow up on arranging an RSS and ONS session at Gofod 3</p>

	<p>Health – A new Power BI tool is being used to help users access data from a range of sources</p> <p>Education – New Apprenticeship tool has been developed to produce quarterly statistics on apprenticeships by gender, ethnicity etc.</p> <p>A Dashboard on road accidents has been published online based on individual accident records. It includes, for example, how many vehicles were involved etc.</p> <p>National Survey for Wales (NSW) – Published useful Results Viewer to view various breakdowns of the NSW data. GJ would be interested to know if members of the group had used it.</p>	<p>Action: GJ to send link round for the dashboard on road accidents.</p> <p>Action: All to let GJ know if they use the NSW results viewer</p>
3	Wellbeing of Wales Report and national milestones	Glyn Jones, Welsh Government
	<p>GJ gave a brief overview of the Wellbeing for Wales report and noted that the second report was published in September 2018.</p> <p>He mentioned the importance of the national indicators which are used to assess Wales' progress towards its goals.</p> <p>A narrative has been prepared on each of the seven Well-being goals explaining what the data shows about Wales' progress towards its goals.</p> <p>He noted that some of the data hadn't been updated since the previous report.</p> <p>The previous report had a main focus on adults 16 and above. This report included more on the wellbeing for children with a lot of work being done with the Schools Health Research Network (SHRN). There is a separate report available Well-being of Wales 2017-18: What do we know about children's well-being.</p> <p>SL stated that, if possible, a gender breakdown will be available for the National Indicators</p> <p>GJ ran through the key messages in the report.</p> <p>CS commented on the language used in the biodiversity reports in the Well-being of Wales which do not convey the scale and pace of change. Saying biodiversity has decreased does not have same impact as saying for example that there's been a 35 percent decrease in priority species. GJ and SL noted this feedback.</p> <p>GJ stated that a decision will be taken on any particular topic of interest for the next wellbeing report.</p> <p>GJ then discussed the national milestones which are required to be set by the Well-being of Future Generations Act. There is no requirement for a national milestone for every indicator as some would not make sense or are hard to decide on e.g. biodiversity. A consultation on National Milestones is expected to be released in the Autumn including the criteria to decide which indicators should have milestones. It will run for 12 weeks.</p> <p>The aim is to make improvements to the indicators following this consultation if people see the need for this. Questions will be included in the consultation about any suggested changes to indicators.</p> <p>There was discussion about how WCVA could facilitate third sector organisations understanding more about the Well-being of Wales report. JS agreed to promote any blog that GJ prepared about the report. A webinar of the subject was also suggested, facilitated by WCVA, as well as information being shared through events such as Gofod 3.</p>	<p>Action: SL to send link to what gender breakdowns are available for well-being indicators</p> <p>Action: GJ to discuss further the idea of webinars and sharing information through Gofod 3.</p>

GJ noted that the Office for Statistics Regulation is now assessing the report and the national indicators. There is a user survey online. It would be good to receive feedback from anyone who has used the report and the indicators.		
4	Third Sector Data Hub	Judith Stone, Wales Council for Voluntary Action
<p>JS stated that WCVA are delivering the Third Sector Data Hub in partnership with Data Cymru. It was launched in Gofod 3 (March 2018).</p> <p>She explained that their work is done with existing sources of relevant data which is then used to feed into the Data Hub. It includes data on organisations, employment and people volunteering. Some of these datasets are robust, but some are very much still in the development stage.</p> <p>Next year the data hub will be evolving bringing together data from the CRM.</p> <p>The volunteering data is sourced from the NCVO, and the section on Wales will be developed further.</p> <p>WCVA are currently in the process of getting specific data from the Charity Commission e.g. on registered charities.</p> <p>There was a discussion about what data might be available on local government funding for the Third Sector and GJ agreed to enquire whether anything was available from statistics collected by WG on Local Government finance.</p> <p>JS outlined some of the key information contained in the Data Hub e.g. on number of volunteer hours, charity income, key sectors etc. For example public giving had increased whilst Public Sector support had reduced.</p> <p>Some research was being undertaken in relation to consistency of definitions used when collecting volunteering data as the term volunteering is not seen as the same thing universally. Many people would not say they volunteer even though they complete many voluntary activities, e.g. Welsh speaking volunteers. It would be helpful to have improved consistency. GJ requested that any feedback on this be passed to him.</p> <p>In terms of employment by charities/third sector organisations, members expressed an interest in breakdowns by ethnicity and by pattern or work (full-time/part-time). CO'B noted that it was important to include information about UK charities which had a Welsh Identity.</p> <p>JS indicated that current priorities will be incorporating Charity Commission Data and a survey of Data Hub users.</p>		<p>Action: GJ to enquire whether data on Local Government funding for the Third Sector was available from statistics collected by WG on Local Government finance.</p> <p>.</p> <p>Action: JS to investigate whether the Data Hub could show the breakdowns of employment data requested.</p>
5	Education Statistics	Don A'Bear, Rachel Lloyd, Steve Hughes, Welsh Government
<p>D A'B, RL and SH gave presentations on the Welsh Statistics available on Higher Education, Post-16 Education and Schools respectively.</p> <p>Some data is captured on Youth Work which has potential to be of interest for Third Sector organisations.</p> <p>A new Census or the school workforce data will be introduced from November 2019 which will include volunteers.</p>		

	<p>There is an aim to make future statistical outputs more accessible. If anyone uses the data, feedback would be useful.</p> <p>JS suggested that it would be useful to raise awareness of availability of this data on education that could be useful for WCVA and the Third Sector. There was potential to use regular WCVA newsletters to do this.</p> <p>Members asked about how they could access data specific to their interests e.g. on higher education subjects chosen by gender and ethnicity. DA'B indicated that Members could get in touch if they have specific requests. There was also interest in whether graduates employed in the voluntary sector could be identified in the destinations data. DA'B to check whether such data was available.</p>	<p>Action: DA'B to check if there is data on graduates employed in the voluntary sector.</p>
6	Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) Consultation	Scott Clifford, Welsh Government
	<p>There is a current open consultation on proposed indicators for the next update of WIMD which is due in 2019. The Consultation on indicators is running from 22 Oct – 17 Dec. Webinars will be run on 7 Nov and 3 Dec.</p> <p>SC ran through some of the key proposals for the eight domain groups that form part of WIMD.</p> <p>CS commented that one of the studies referenced in the physical environment domain section of the consultation dated from 2003 and queried why more recent studies had been cited. The Welsh Government work with Natural Resources Wales to obtain data for this domain and will be seeking to use the most recent data available for the next update. CS also commented on the language used and the weighting of the physical environment with other forms of deprivation that areas might experience. GJ responded that the Physical Environment Domain recognised that this is an aspect of deprivation but that weighting represented a balanced view on impact of other domains in overall multiple deprivation little effect on the grand scheme of WIMD.</p> <p>CS suggested that the Well-being of Future Generations Act ways of working e.g. focussing on long term and prevention should be taking into account when considering weighting of domains.</p> <p>HT questioned whether childcare was considered in the Access to Services domain. SC suggested this could be considered if responses to consultation suggested it was important. However SL and GJ indicated that WIMD needs to focus on services which most people need access to and because something might not be included in WIMD that does not mean they are not measured.</p>	<p>Action: SC to feedback the fact that a study from 2003 had been referenced in the physical environment domain section of the WIMD consultation</p>
7	Future Agenda items and date of next meeting	Glyn Jones, Welsh Government
	<p>GJ stated that work is taking place with the Institute for Wales Affairs (IWA) and Carnegie Trust on creating a tool called Understanding Welsh Places (based on similar work in Scotland called Understanding Scottish Places). The tool enables you to find out about a specific place of interest. In particular, to find out about places of above 1,000 people but more data can be found if the population is above 1,500 as then further data from the Census as well as WIMD indicator data could be used.</p> <p>It could help shows inter-dependency between the different places. If this is of any interest GJ could bring further information to a future meeting.</p>	<p>Action: Add 'Understanding Welsh Places' to a future agenda.</p> <p>Action: GJ to create steering group combining organisations and plan for upcoming meetings. (Aim to create steering</p>

	<p>GJ proposed establishing a steering group with membership from WCVA and Welsh Government Statistics to plan for upcoming meeting including a discussion about whether it would be useful to have a joint meeting with the Welsh Statistical Liaison Committee which meets three times a year. GJ would like to hear about the data that other members' organisations hold or use. AO suggested he could provide an update on the data on homelessness that The Wallich use.</p> <p>There was discussion of use of Webinars and Gofod 3 in helping third sector organisations find and use statistical information. SL/GJ offered that Welsh Government statisticians could run workshops at Gofod 3 where organisations can ask and questions about how to find the data they're interested in. JS noted that a presentation would be useful to show the highlights of the well-being data.</p>	<p>group before Christmas for sessions in 2019).</p> <p>Action: AO to provide an update on the data on homelessness that The Wallich use at next meeting.</p> <p>Action: GJ to agree with WCVA what presentations/ workshops could be useful for Gofod 3 and JS to share information on what webinars WCVA will be running.</p>
8	Any other Business	Glyn Jones, Welsh Government
	Nothing of note was raised	

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4	Follow up on arranging an RSS and ONS session at Gofod 3	Judith Stone
5	Send link round for the dashboard on road accidents.	Glyn Jones
6	All to let GJ know if they use the NSW results viewer	All
7	Send link to what gender breakdowns are available for well-being indicators	Sue Leake
8	Discuss further the idea of webinars and sharing information through Gofod 3.	Glyn Jones
9	Enquire whether data on Local Government funding for the Third Sector was available from statistics collected by WG on Local Government finance.	Glyn Jones
10	Investigate whether the Data Hub could show the breakdowns of employment data requested (e.g. by ethnicity and work pattern)	Judith Stone
11	Check if there is data on student volunteering by sector	Don A'Bear
12	Feedback the fact that a study from 2003 had been referenced in the physical environment domain section of the WIMD consultation	Scott Clifford
13	Add 'Understanding Welsh Places' to a future agenda.	Glyn Jones/ Secretariat
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15	Provide an update on the data on homelessness that The Wallich use at next meeting.	Alex Osmond
16	GJ to agree with WCVA what presentations/workshops could be useful for Gofod 3; and JS to share information on what webinars WCVA will be running	Glyn Jones / Judith Stone