

Third Sector Statistics User Panel for Wales: minutes of meeting

Wednesday 5 May 2021 – 10:00-12:30

Attendees			
Lewis	Clarke	LC	RSPCA
Mal	Colley	MC	Tenovus Cancer Care
Silvia	Colonna	SC	Welsh Government
John	Gossage	JG	Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services
Gwennan	Hardy	GH	Citizens Advice
Thomas	Hollick	TH	The Wallich
Steph	Howarth	SH	Welsh Government
Catrin	James	CJ	Urdd Gobaith Cymru
David	James	DJ	Monmouthshire Rural Housing Enabler
Sue	Leake	SL	Welsh Government
James	Lundie	JL	WCVA
Carys	Moseley	CM	Cytûn
Annie Rose	Pickup	AP	Welsh Government
Iestyn	Wyn	IW	Stonewall Cymru
Presenters			
Andy	O'Rourke	AO	Welsh Government
Sam	Austin	SA	Llamau
Neil	Townsend	NT	Office for National Statistics
Helena	Rosiecka	HR	Office for National Statistics
Apologies			
David	Cook	DC	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Hade	Turkmen	HT	Chwarae Teg
Ellen	Burgess	EB	Office for National Statistics

1	Welcome and Papers	Stephanie Howarth, Welsh Government
<p>SH welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced herself as Chief Statistician.</p> <p>Minutes from the previous meeting (12 November 2020) were agreed with no amendments.</p> <p>SH addressed the actions from the previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SH had raised the need for data on pet ownership, and this will be included in the 2021/2022 National Survey for Wales • SH passed on Carys Moseley’s details to WG colleagues working on the loneliness strategy • Members who wished to provide ONS with contacts to support communities with the 2021 Census or to provide feedback on the Welsh Government’s participation and NEETs releases were presumed to have done so • Members who wished to provide any information that could be used in a case study on user engagement to Tegwen.Green@statistics.gov.uk were presumed to have done so. Tegwen has provided a written update. The email address in this link can be used to supply any further feedback around user engagement. 		
2	Welsh Government updates	Stephanie Howarth, Welsh Government
<p>SH gave some general updates on Welsh Government work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many data collections have been paused to reflect the pressures of the pandemic. Welsh Government is currently working through these to work out what can be resumed and when • The higher education team have produced analysis on positive COVID-19 cases in higher education institutions • With the vaccination programme rolling out, Public Health Wales have been publishing daily, weekly, and monthly vaccination statistics including coverage by age, gender, ethnicity and deprivation. See the PHW COVID-19 rapid surveillance dashboard for more information and Welsh Government have been publishing a weekly vaccination supply release. • WG have produced a public dashboard on COVID-19 bringing together a wide range of statistics on the direct and indirect impact of the pandemic. This is updated weekly. We are keen to hear your feedback regarding the content (existing or additional things you want to see) and format • The health team have begun producing statistics on new cancer treatment patient pathways, known as the single cancer pathway • The housing team has produced monthly homelessness and rough sleeping statistics at local authority level • The Administrative Data Research team are analysing the shielded patients list alongside National Survey data to investigate the link between requiring shielding and other measures such as deprivation • New estimates on Welsh language from the Annual Population Survey have been published. The team would like to draw attention to the change in survey mode as made necessary by the pandemic. <p>SL raised one further point:</p>		<p>Action: Members to share feedback on COVID-19 Interactive Dashboard to KAS.COVID19@gov.wales</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) team will be advertising some WIMD awareness sessions in the coming weeks, and would welcome expressions of interest to plan sessions around - contact stats.inclusion@gov.wales <p>SH gave an update on demography statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SH and Welsh Government wished to thank all of the organisations who promoted and encouraged completion of the 2021 Census We are currently in the early stages of developing our Census output plan, which includes working with the ONS to align with their outputs. SH suggested an item on this at the next meeting in November Population projections for national parks were published this morning. <p>SH gave an update on the Race Equality Action Plan and work ongoing to scope out potential Equality statistics Unit/Race Disparity Unit for Wales:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fieldwork for the scoping was completed at the end of March 2021, which involved a series of interviews, focus groups and workshops with various stakeholder groups: internal and external The scoping for the Unit is building a picture to understanding of existing structures and barriers faced in UK Government Departments equality Units and centres, the needs of wider stakeholders through the Welsh Government Forums and the practical challenges within Welsh Government for policy officials and analysts The research has been pulling together key themes to highlight the key considerations for the Unit(s). The thematic analysis is nearly complete, the next stages are identifying initial resource needs and how the Unit will complement existing planned work Once the new government has formed, a paper will be presented to the Cabinet as a priority that outlines initial recommended structure and recommendations to inform implementation of the Unit(s) The attendees expressed interest in having the Equalities Data Unit/Race Disparity Unit attend a future meeting. <p>The following question was asked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IW asked at what stage Welsh Government would announce its plans for Census outputs. SH mentioned that we are in the early stages of developing an output plan, and working with the ONS to align outputs. SH suggested an update on this at the next meeting in November, and raised the possibility of involving various groups throughout the development plan. 	<p>ACTION: Members to contact stats.inclusion@gov.wales if interested in attending WIMD awareness sessions</p> <p>ACTION: SH to arrange for Race Disparity Unit to attend future meeting</p> <p>ACTION: SH to update on Census outputs at next meeting in November.</p>
3	Review of National Wellbeing Indicators	Andrew O'Rourke, Welsh Government
	<p>A O'R outlined the background to the setting of National Indicators and some key changes proposed for the indicators set. The pandemic and the nature of the last year may have brought to light gaps in the existing national indicator set. Engagement work will be going ahead to identify these gaps and indicators which could fill them. A number of potential topics were discussed including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> indicators regarding access to the internet (JG mentioned work on UKRI on digital data access) food poverty and insecurity Children's mental health and well-being indicators relevant to the Shared Outcomes Framework for Homelessness (TH) 	<p>ACTION: Members to contact Andrew.O'Rourke and William Perks with</p>

<p>In response to a question from JG, SH provided an update on work to update the ecological footprint for Wales. If you have any thoughts on additions to the indicator set, please contact Andrew O'Rourke and Will Perks with further indicator suggestions.</p>	<p>suggestions on additions to the indicator set: stats.info.desk@gov.wales</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Homelessness - Llamau – Data deep dive</p>	<p>Sam Austin, Deputy Chief Executive at Llamau</p>
<p>Llamau is a charity aiming to achieve a world without homelessness especially for young people and women in Wales (see slides for services they offer).</p> <p>They focus their support in three key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early intervention / prevention: prevent homelessness before it happens • Provide safe accommodation: homely and safe support accommodation and refuge for service users to rebuild their life • Support to move on: people with a range of trauma are supported to move into education and training to then secure jobs and leave homelessness, as well as to live independently in a chosen community. <p>Llamau works across 18 out of the 22 Welsh Local Authorities (LAs) and has several funders. Even if across LAs Llamau is commissioned to provide the same service, they can still be asked to provide different outcomes in different LAs. Thus, collecting uniform data is challenging. Equally, they set their own outcomes across their services.</p> <p>Examples of data they collect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How safe service users felt in the accommodation • Outcomes as a result of support provided including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Development and persistence of healthy relationship ○ Reduction in substance abuse, self-harming behaviours or offensive behaviour • Outcomes and surveys aimed at funders and service users. <p>SA described a very positive (though challenging) experience of collaborating with DataKind UK, through which Llamau have improved the way they collect, analyse and interpret their great amount of data.</p> <p>DataKind is a charity that helps social change organisations and charities use data science to have a greater impact, connecting them with some of the best data scientists for free. DataKind provides a number of different services including DataDive where, in a very short period of time, a team of data scientist work with a charity to address specific challenges. See slides for the challenges that Llamau wanted to address.</p> <p>Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less positive outcome for young men with experience in the criminal justice and care system, even with intense support • Positive correlation between engagement with the service and outcome • Some projects had less positive outcome despite the individual's level of engagement • How greatly the outcome can differ in across services 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a model predicting which people were more likely to return for support <p>The data analysis allowed them to consider implications for their services e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of more male support staff that can offer young men a positive role models • Extend the period of support for some people (e.g. care leavers or young males). Evidence from the DataDive was fed back to commissioners, arguing in favour of longer programmes. <p>Benefits for Llamau from the DataKind experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the possibility of proper data analysis • Understand which data is and is not useful • Understand how data collection could improve • Save bureaucracy time for front line colleagues in favour of more in person support as data could be analysed more easily • Confidence to interrogate the data <p>See slides for more information on findings and implications; how the journey continues (outstanding challenges) and next steps.</p> <p>SA also recommended the Civil Service Analytical Volunteer Programme</p> <p>Q&A Q (TH): Many traditional questions used to measure people’s outcomes are outdated with a negative focus. Will Llamau move away from this in favour of more positive questions as it can help data collection? (Plea for WG and LAs to develop a new outcome framework relating to homelessness in a psychologically informed way – with reference to the CHI SHARE framework). A: (SA): completely agree that relevant, realistic questions need to be asked.</p>	<p>ACTION: SL to feedback discussion points to Housing Policy in relation to measures of outcomes (including the SHARE framework) and the Housing Support Grant.</p>
5	2021 Census Update - ONS	Neil Townsend, Helena Rosiecka, ONS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census Day was on 21 March 2021 so collection part is now over • Response rate met the target of being above 94 per cent overall as well as a good response rate in all local authorities in England and Wales • Lots of support from the local authorities, community groups and the media campaign that helped reach out to groups that may have faced barriers or minority communities to broaden out the inclusivity of the Census • The Census website is still open if people haven’t responded and there will be more marketing targeted towards students as they return to Universities <p>Moved on to the census coverage survey to do a resample of about one per cent of postcodes to produce accurate estimates of who may have been missed to calculate the adjustments.</p> <p>Overview of the Census 2021 Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outputs are aiming to be flexible, timely and accessible to meet users’ needs and give more control on the exact data they can access 	<p>Action: Members should contact ONS at</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main complaint with the 2011 Census data was that it was needed sooner. First outputs for the 2021 Census are expected to be in March 2022 and aiming for all the outputs to be released within two years, (by March 2023) • See slides for information on ready-made tables, local characteristic tables, build your own tables based on variable(s) and specific geographical area of interest, and tables that flex to change levels of detail on already made tables. <p>All tables available for variables automatically check they pass disclosure control across all the geographic areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be using three different types of disclosure control to ensure security (see slides) • Also looking to provide richer content for those who are detailed data users – more analysis, build area profiles, area classifications and data visualisations and prototypes of these are available on the slides • Challenges and opportunities available on slides with taking part in a census during a pandemic when the data may be different to usual • Outputs consultation is one of the main ways of understanding user's needs. (See slides) 	<p>census.outputs@ons.gov.uk if they would like to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide feedback on the output prototypes to see which meet user's needs best • provide views on what other relevant admin data should be prioritised as recommendations to fill gaps from Covid • join one of the working groups or are interested in being involved in the user research on census outputs.
<p>6 Any other Business</p>	<p>Stephanie Howarth, Welsh Government</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SH - Royal Statistical Society is hosting an online event on 10 June showcasing the use of indices of multiple deprivation as an official measure of the most disadvantaged areas within the UK • JG – Shared an Economics Statistics Centre of Excellence paper on public understanding of economics and economic statistics. <p>Future agenda – LC suggested an item on sharing own data and receiving data from public bodies, especially with local authorities.</p>	<p>Action: SH to circulate information on National Survey 2021 questions</p> <p>Action: SH and LC to discuss a potential agenda items on data sharing.</p>

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