

## Third Sector Statistics User Panel for Wales: minutes of meeting

Thursday 28 April 2022 – 10:00-12:30

<b>Attendees</b>			
Chris	Buchan	CB	Welsh Government
Lisa	Clarridge	LC	Welsh Government
Mal	Colley	MC	Tenovus Cancer Care
Ellie	Cook	EC	Welsh Government
Lisa	Daniels-Griffiths	LD	Welsh Government
Aaron	Fortt	AF	Welsh Government
Thomas	Hollick	TH	The Wallich
Uzo	Iwobi OBE	UI	Race Council Cymru
David	James	DJ	Monmouthshire Rural Housing Enabler
Sue	Leake	SL	Welsh Government
Christala	Sophocleous	CS	Cardiff University / Prifysgol Caerdydd
Hade	Turkmen	HT	Chwarae Teg
Megan	Williams	MW	Welsh Government
Iestyn	Wyn	IW	Stonewall Cymru
<b>Presenters</b>			
Kathryn	Helliwell	KH	Welsh Government
Steph	Howarth	SH	Welsh Government
Nia	Jones	NJ	Welsh Government
Lindsey	Kearton	LK	Citizens Advice
Anna	Nicholl	AN	WCVA & Charity Commission
Thomas	Rose	TR	Welsh Government
Chris	Shine	CSH	Office for National Statistics
<b>Minute takers</b>			
Dan	Boon	DB	Welsh Government
Mitch	Case	MC	Welsh Government
<b>Apologies</b>			
Lewis	Clark	LC	Ty Hafan/Ty Gobaith
Fiona	Harris	FH	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Catrin	James	CJ	Urdd Gobaith Cymru
Fiona	Liddell	FL	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Fiza	Mahmood	FM	Welsh Government

1	Welcome	Steph Howarth, Welsh Government
<p>SH welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced herself as Chief Statistician.</p> <p>Simultaneous translation was not provided as the quota was not met.</p>		
2	Minutes and actions from previous meeting	Steph Howarth, Welsh Government
All actions were completed and previous minutes agreed		
3	Quarterly Statistical and Demography newsletters	Steph Howarth, Welsh Government
<p><b>Quarterly Statistics Update</b> SH highlighted the main points. First was discussion on frequency and relevancy of covid-related publications. The economic statistics team have been working on labour market by protected characteristics data – creating more breakdowns and specific topics. SH asked for suggestions on topic areas. Education also returning to more regular publication timetables including on post 16 education statistics. Various other topic area updates also covered. <a href="#">Statistics Wales quarterly update   GOV.WALES</a></p> <p><b>Quarterly Demography Update</b> The ONS 2020 based population projections were published earlier this year, reflecting changes due to EU exit and COVID. Wales's population is projected to increase by end of decade. SH also gave information on the Ukraine sponsorship scheme from the Home Office. Welsh Government are still asking for users to volunteer to help with Stats Wales user research, ahead of reprocurring the service this year. AN volunteered to be involved. <a href="#">Statistics Wales demography newsletter   GOV.WALES</a></p> <p><b>Census update</b> ONS have provided an update on work ongoing with census outputs. Local authorities have been invited to be involved with quality assurance for first time. ONS is now processing their feedback. Expecting first publication of results in early summer, which will be population by age and sex at LA level. A list of topic summaries to follow are available in the paper. [Post meeting note: ONS have now confirmed the first publication of population and household estimates from the census on 28 June 2022.]</p>		Action: SH to include Anna Nicholl in user research for StatsWales
4	Update from Admin Data Research Wales	Kathryn Helliwell, Welsh Government
<p>SH introduced KH and noted that the team had been recently successful in bidding for further funding to continue their programme of work. They are using this money to look at how to develop the work programme for the coming year. SH encouraged views and comments on this.</p> <p>KH introduced herself and shared a presentation.</p>		

<p>Discussion:</p> <p>HT asked how the team is approaching the disaggregation of data on gender, disability etc. in regard to climate change – it affects groups differently based on many different factors. KH said that it is integral. Some of the ethnicity data is not as good as it could be – they acquired the 2011 census data which helped to fill the data, but this is now out of date and would not reflect new populations since then. They are speaking to ONS to deposit in SAIL data from the 2021 census. For ADR Wales, work on climate change is very people focused – they are keen to look at climate change in a social justice light, whether there are any differential effects based on individual characteristics. This is where KH thinks it will be beneficial to have this data. SH added that this is one of the reasons why they are keen to add the crosscutting social justice theme to the ADR Wales work programme where possible – looking at things through the lens of ethnicity, gender etc. and embedding this within work programmes alongside work which focuses on these specific topics.</p> <p>TH mentioned that Traumatic Stress Wales is looking at a trauma informed approach to public services and are keen to learn and share good practice. Those who have experienced trauma are more likely to present themselves to many public services, so it might be a good idea to collaborate with ADR team for better insight. KH agreed and said that some of the relevant data sets may already be in SAIL so could be a quick thing to do, but recommended having a follow up chat, as TH’s thoughts are interesting and well aligned with their own.</p>		
5	Post-16 education	Thomas Rose, Welsh Government
<p>TR shared a presentation on the work of his team and sought feedback on priorities from group members.</p> <p>CS (Christala Sophocleous) asked what geographic level the data is available at. TR said LA was the most local level for certain topic areas but can be LSOA for other topics, due to the data collection. See the links in the slides for more detail. TR also directed attendees to the ad-hoc page which has non-regular outputs that may be of interest.</p> <p>Useful links were included in the slides.</p>		
6	Exploring latest trends and insights from ONS and Citizens Advice data on the Cost of Living	Chris Shine (Office for National Statistics), Lindsey Kearton (Citizens Advice), Nia Jones (Welsh Government)
<p>CSh shared slides on the work of ONS and latest trends on the cost of living (UK or England data). TH noted the difficulties in filling vacant jobs in some sectors despite the reduction in unemployment rate. CSh mentioned that the unemployment rate only includes those out of work and looking for work, so is different to the economic inactivity rate which shows a different story. The impact of the pandemic is not fully understood yet either, especially concerning self-employed people.</p>		

	<p>LK shared her slides, setting out the data and trends on cost of living held by Citizens Advice. See slides for more detail.</p> <p>HT asked two questions to LK; first, can you give us a figure about the gender disaggregation of your clients? It is important to differentiate the experiences of women and men. And secondly, do you have any sense how the Universal Credit system affects the current crisis? LK said she was happy to set up a chat to go into further details at a later date and shared her email. LK to share information on gender breakdowns with KASevents to circulate.</p> <p>NJ shared her slides covering official statistics sources on income poverty, and fuel poverty. The slides contain contact details for follow up questions if there are any.</p>	<p><b>Action</b> – LK to share gender breakdown information with KASevents, to circulate to members.</p>
7	Evidence and data on the voluntary sector in Wales	Anna Nicholl, WCVA & Charity Commission
	<p>AN shared her slides summarising voluntary sector data and data sources for Wales, as well as strategic developments in this area across the UK. AN asked members to think about what they want to know/find out on the voluntary sector and what projects may be possible in liaison with members' organisations. WCVA would like to work with government and the sector to strengthen data on the voluntary sector in Wales. WISERD are currently advertising for a post-doctoral research position which would support this. AN to circulate job description/advertisement to pass on wider.</p> <p>SH asked about difficulties finding certain data – AN said there are difficulties. Data is sometimes there but not official statistics. CB agreed that they should try to make the most of the data that is available. SL said taking note of what other organisations are doing as well is important which was agreed with. CB also mentioned the importance of using qualitative data in tandem with quantitative.</p> <p>SH suggested it would be helpful for a further conversation with SH, CB and AN to discuss in more detail.</p> <p>UI mentioned her work in data on race and difficulties accessing/finding data and asked if SH could hold a session on finding the data and what is available, what websites to go to. SH and SL to look into setting this up (action)</p>	<p><b>Action</b> – Members to email Anna with feedback following her presentation or if they have any interest in being involved in developing voluntary sector data</p> <p><b>Action</b> – SH to set up meeting with AN and CB to discuss voluntary sector stats in more detail.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – SL to take forward UI's suggestion for a session on data availability with Race Council Cymru for their member organisations</p>
8	Effectiveness review results	Steph Howarth, Welsh Government
	<p>There were only four responses to the feedback form sent out about effectiveness of these meetings.</p> <p>Main themes were that meetings were helpful and useful. Respondents liked the virtual aspect of meetings, so a blended approach could be considered in future. One person mentioned the ethnic diversity of the panel, SH said this is something to take into consideration going forwards.</p>	

9	Any Other Business	Steph Howarth, Welsh Government
<p>CS mentioned that with WISERD they have been working with WCVA to develop academic third sector partnership on how they could develop research together which she would be happy to keep the Panel updated on.</p> <p>UI asked do you happen to have stats about how many Windrush related families we have in Wales? SL to follow up on this action.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 10/11/2022</p> <p>Close</p>		<p><b>Action</b> – SL to look into availability of Windrush stats for UI.</p>

<b>Third Sector Statistics User Panel for Wales</b> 28 April 2022 Summary of Action Points		
1	Lindsey Kearton to provide gender breakdown information on her work to KASevents, to circulate to members.	Lindsey Kearton, Citizens Advice, and KASevents
2	Members to email Anna with feedback following her presentation or if they have any interest in being involved in developing voluntary sector data	All members
3	Set up meeting with Anna Nicholl and Chris Buchan to discuss voluntary sector stats in more detail.	Steph Howarth, Welsh Government
4	SL to take forward UI's suggestion for a session on data availability with Race Council Cymru for their member organisations	Steph Howarth and Sue Leake, Welsh Government
5	Look into the availability of Windrush stats for Uzo Iwobi OBE.	Steph Howarth and Sue Leake, Welsh Government