Data Cymru update – WSLC October 2024

Recently launched projects:

1. Equalities dashboard

We have developed an 'Understanding equalities' dashboard, which is now available on our website. This dashboard was inspired by the 'Is Wales Fairer?' report published by the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC), which uses data to assess progress on equality and human rights in Wales.

The dashboard is designed to support local councils in Wales to understand the extent to which everyone can prosper and thrive at a local level. It brings equalities data, from various sources, into one place. It allows local councils to understand and compare representation across different characteristics.

For further information please contact Suzanne Draper.

2. Performance profiles

We have developed a series of performance profiles to help support the local authority self-assessment process. The profiles are designed to be a resource for both corporate performance colleagues and service-based staff to help them understand their performance and how this compares to others. They will also provide valuable information to help inform Peer Panel Assessments.

The profiles were shared with performance and improvement colleagues at the end of March. The profiles are now available within councils across Wales via performance lead officers. Feedback to date has been very positive.

As part of the development of the performance profiles, we have included some functionality to identify a local council's most comparable neighbours based on a range of demographic data. The profiles can then be used to compare performance between councils.

For further information please contact Suzanne Draper.

3. National Resident Survey

In July 2024, we went live with our National Resident Survey offer. This includes a standardised survey that local councils can run with their residents. We then automatically pipe the survey results into a dissemination dashboard, clean the data, and disseminate raw and disclosure-controlled data. Crucially, data is also made available in the dashboard for national comparison and benchmarking.

We have surveys in the field at the moment, as well as a pipeline of councils waiting to launch.

This project represents a significant achievement for Data Cymru – developing a national resident survey within six months of the original proposal and delivering a major project in partnership with the WLGA Improvement Team.

We are preparing a case study to share the learning from this unique national project.

For further information please contact Sam Sullivan.

4. Welsh language commissioner dashboard

We've recently completed a piece of work on behalf of the Welsh Language Commissioner's Office, where we've developed a dashboard which allows users to easily access the main statistics about Welsh speakers in Wales, using 2021 Census data.

You can use the dashboard to get detailed data about exactly where Welsh speakers live and see how patterns have changed over time, as well as find out more about the lives of these speakers. The Commissioner's Office have now published the dashboard:

Who speaks Welsh in Wales? (welshlanguagecommissioner.wales)

Pwy sy'n siarad Cymraeg yng Nghymru? (comisiynyddygymraeg.cymru)

For further information please contact Hayley Randall.

5. Regional Learning and Skills Partnerships
We provide data support to the four regional partnerships across Wales. We already procure labour market data on their behalf, reducing costs through collaboration. In addition, we are now investigating the use of AI technology to identify emerging sectors within the labour market and have reviewed several tools in this space in order to better support their work.

For further information please contact Sam Sullivan.

Other work to note
- We have now completed a refresh of our poverty and cost of living dashboards, bringing the data up to date.

- We are due to undertake a further revision of our Ward Profile dashboard. On the list for this development will be the introduction of comparable ward data.

Training and webinars
Training guides

We have published training guides on:

- Getting your point across: An introduction to presenting data effectively
- Understanding your information: An introduction to summary statistics
- Hearing from citizens: An introduction to designing and running surveys
- Engaging with citizens: An introduction to designing and running focus groups

They are available free of charge on our [website](#).

'Inform and Inspire' webinar programme

We host regular webinars as part of our 'inform and Inspire' webinar programme. For more information and to book tickets, please visit [TicketSource](#).

Recordings of our previous webinars can be found on our [website](#).

We are always looking for webinar content. If you have seen, done, or are doing something interesting, innovative and inspiring with data we'd love to hear about it – successful or otherwise. Equally, we'd love to hear your suggestions for future data, statistics or research topics you would you like to learn more about.

For further information, please contact [Suzanne Draper.](#)

Capacity building open training programme

Are you looking to learn more about collecting and using data? Do you work with data and want to extract more value from it? Are you thinking of expanding your skills?

We have a suite of training courses that will **introduce** you to:

- Summary statistics
- Presenting data
- Survey design and analysis
- Planning and delivering focus groups.

We run each of our training courses online twice each quarter where local council colleagues can register to attend for **free**. Other organisations can attend at a cost of £50 plus vat per person, per session.

To book onto one of our open sessions, please visit [Ticketsource](#).

Currently the courses are only delivered in English with Welsh language materials and simultaneous translation available as necessary. In 2024-25, our aim is to deliver each course in Welsh at least once during the year.

We also plan to include our newer courses, *Data101* and *Understanding and Using Performance Data,* as part of our open training offering later in the year.

Alternatively, for a small cost, we can provide training courses specifically for your organisation, online or in person, at a time and date that suits you.

If you'd like to discuss your requirements, then please get in contact with [Roisin Roberts](#).