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Well-being of Future Generations Act: National Indicator Projections

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Introduction

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Why we did this work

- Well-Being of Future Generations Act (WBFG):
  - Well-being assessments – predictions of future trends
- Traditionally reports and analysis have focused on the current position and past trends
- Discussions with Directors of Public Health
- Want to provide better support to a focus on the future
- Created to support the PSBs in focusing on the future during the development of local well-being assessments and plans

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What has been produced

- Interactive web-based tool

- Past trends and projections

- WBFG indicators:

  - Low birth weight

  - Healthy life expectancy

  - Healthy lifestyle:

    - Smoking

    - Overweight or obese

    - Five-a-day

What it's for

- Explore past trends and projections for important public health indicators

- To provide a view of what *might* happen if current trends persist

- A focus for action to avoid unfavourable trends

- Highlight areas or population groups that deviate from the national picture

- NOT an accurate forecast for use in detailed long-term planning

- An inspiration for action

What it links with

- WBFG national indicators

- Public Health Outcomes Framework

- The prevention agenda: aligns with many areas highlighted in *'Making a difference'* report

Making a Difference:
Investing in Sustainable Health
and Well-being for the People of Wales

Executive Summary
2016

Method

Aim: to project a set of conditions and behaviours for each LA/HB and Wales to provide information on possible trajectories for the health of their population.

- Extrapolated projection method
- Assumes patterns which existed in the past will continue into the future
- Can fall short when creating medium and long term forecasts
- Longer term forecast: greater uncertainty; adaptive change

Limitations

- No consensus on best method, no guarantee of accuracy

- Results across different tools should not be compared

- Our method: projection period 1/3 the historic data period
  - projection period 3 years with cautious extrapolation to 10 years

- Many factors affect future prevalence, we only account for population

- Projections: not facts for planning purposes; indicative of the direction of travel if nothing changes

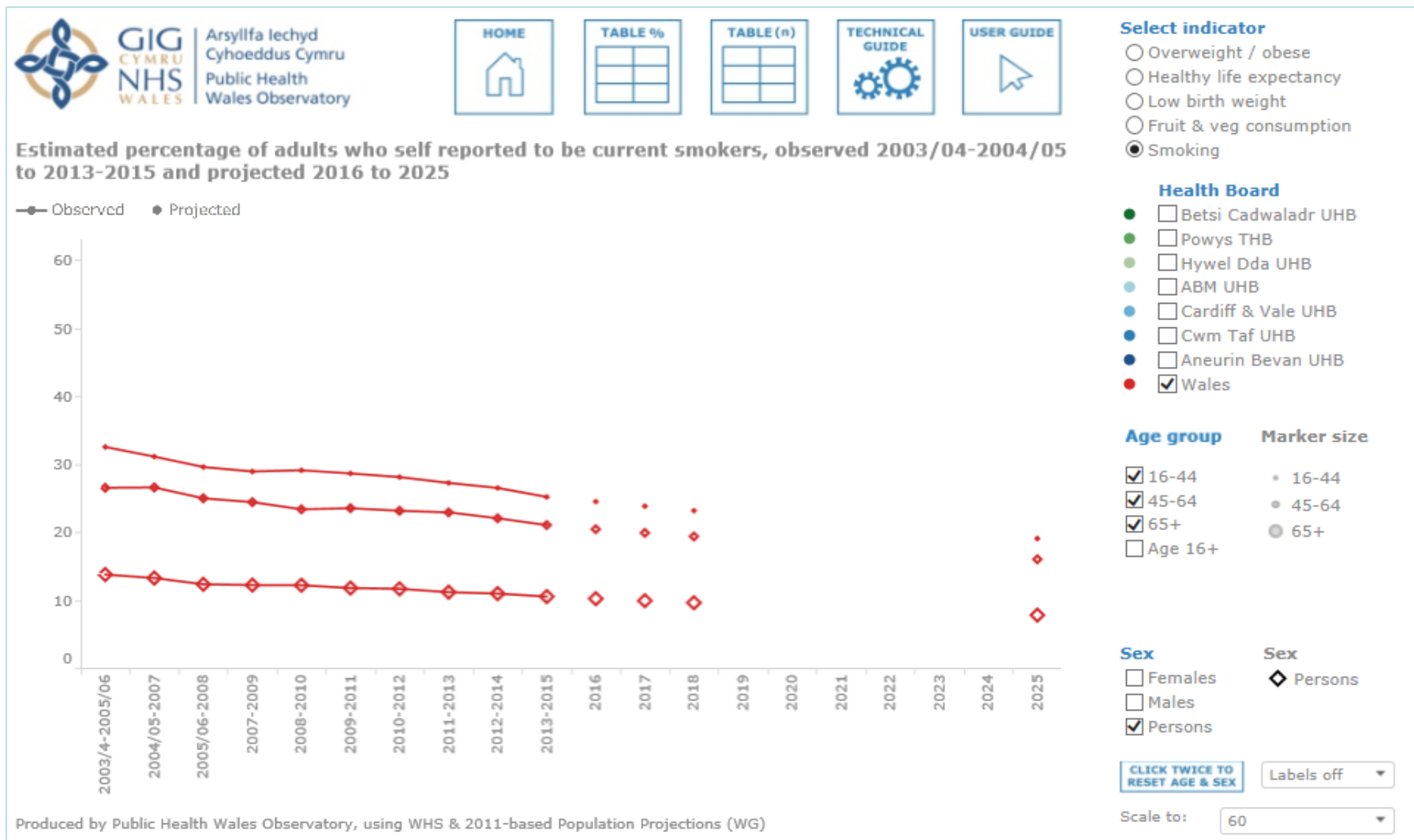**"All models are wrong, but some are useful"** George EP Box, *Empirical Model-Building and Response Surfaces* (1987)

"Prophesy is a good line of business, but it is full of risks" Mark Twain, *Following the Equator* (1897)

Example chart
(all Wales smoking prevalence by age group)

Example table
(all Wales smoking counts by age group and gender)

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Select indicator
- ○ Overweight / obese
- ○ Healthy life expectancy
- ○ Low birth weight
- ○ Fruit & veg consumption
- ⦿ Smoking

Estimated number of adults smoking (thousands), observed 2003/04-2004/05 to 2013-2015 and projected 2016 to 2025

Wales

Health board
- ○ Betsi Cadwaladr UHB
- ○ Powys THB
- ○ Hywel Dda UHB
- ○ ABM UHB
- ○ Cardiff & Vale UHB
- ○ Cwm Taf UHB
- ○ Aneurin Bevan UHB
- ⦿ Wales

Observed | Projected

		2003/4-2005/06	2004/05-2007	2005/06-2008	2007-2009	2008-2010	2009-2011	2010-2012	2011-2013	2012-2014	2013-2015	2016	2017	2018	2025
Males	16-44	184.4	178.3	170.2	170.0	174.9	172.4	169.9	162.7	160.5	150.3	148.6	145.1	141.9	124.7
	45-64	104.1	106.4	100.2	99.3	94.1	95.8	94.1	94.4	91.2	89.3	87.0	85.1	82.7	66.6
	65+	33.2	32.5	30.8	31.2	31.6	32.0	33.0	33.1	31.5	30.0	30.2	29.7	29.2	25.5
	Age 16+	321.6	317.2	301.2	300.5	300.7	300.2	297.0	290.1	283.2	269.6	265.8	259.9	253.8	216.8
Females	16-44	179.2	171.3	163.8	157.5	154.5	150.9	146.0	142.3	134.6	128.7	124.0	119.2	114.8	91.4
	45-64	98.1	98.7	95.1	93.8	92.5	93.8	93.4	91.4	87.5	81.5	79.8	77.9	75.7	59.8
	65+	38.2	36.9	34.5	34.4	35.0	33.4	33.3	32.1	34.1	34.4	34.7	34.3	33.9	31.6
	Age 16+	315.5	306.9	293.4	285.8	282.0	278.1	272.7	265.8	256.2	244.6	238.4	231.3	224.4	182.8
Persons	16-44	363.6	349.5	334.0	327.5	329.4	323.3	315.9	305.0	295.1	279.0	272.6	264.4	256.7	216.2
	45-64	202.2	205.2	195.3	193.1	186.7	189.6	187.5	185.8	178.6	170.8	166.8	162.9	158.4	126.4
	65+	71.4	69.3	65.3	65.6	66.6	65.4	66.3	65.1	65.6	64.4	64.9	63.9	63.1	57.1
	Age 16+	637.1	624.1	594.6	586.3	582.7	578.4	569.7	555.9	539.4	514.1	504.3	491.2	478.2	399.6

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Health Board projections tool:

https://public.tableau.com/views/Projectionstest/Home&:tabs=no

Local authority version due for publication early November