

Third Sector Statistics User Panel for Wales: minutes of meeting

Thursday 17 November 2022 – 10:00-12:45

Attendees		
Mal	Colley	Tenovus Cancer Care
David	Cook	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Emma	Hall	Chwarae Teg
Thomas	Hollick	The Wallich
Catrin	James	Urdd Gobaith Cymru
Sue	Leake	Welsh Government
Craig	McLeod	Welsh Government
Llio	Owen	Welsh Government
Joshua	Parry	Welsh Government
Megan	Williams	Welsh Government
Maddy	Young	Tenovus Cancer Care
Natalie	Zhivkova	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Presenters		
Rachel	Bowen	Welsh Government
Faye	Gracey	Welsh Government
David	James	Monmouthshire Housing
Nia	Jones	Welsh Government
Martin	Parry	Welsh Government
Stef	Taylor	Welsh Government
Minute takers		
Marcela	Csikosova	Welsh Government
James	Falkner	Welsh Government
Apologies		

Amanda	Everson	Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services
Fiona	Harris	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Nick	Lewis	Umbrella Cymru
Fiona	Liddell	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
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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
<p>All actions were completed and previous minutes agreed. Future agenda ideas are welcomed from everyone involved.</p>		
3	Quarterly Statistical and Demography newsletters	Steph Howarth, Welsh Government
<p>Quarterly Statistics Update SH highlighted the main points. First was discussion on winding down a significant amount of covid-related statistical activity. It is now more possible to focus on other areas that might have taken a seat back during the pandemic.</p> <p>Update on introduction of input output tables – they give a very detailed account of the economy. If anyone is interested in this area in more detail, please get in touch and we will link you up with the team responsible.</p> <p>Progress within the Education and school statistic department. This includes updates on the school census, exam performance information on the foundation assessment and Key stage 3 achievements.</p> <p>There was a question raised about the future use of free school meals indicator now when free school meals have started being rolled out on a universal basis. The answer is that there will be no disruption to the time series of this data. Free school meals indicator will be still collected on the previous eligibility basis.</p> <p><u>Equality, Race and Disability Evidence Units strategy</u> has been published. The link to it is not included in the quarterly update as it was published after the release date.</p> <p>Further topics in the quarterly update were also briefly discussed.</p>		

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Quarterly Demography Update

Martin Parry will give detailed information about the census results later the meeting.

Attention was drawn to ONS’s plan to investigate new ways how to produce population estimates. The ‘dynamic population model’ is being looked at, that could produce population estimates on a more frequent and timely basis.

[Statistics Wales demography newsletter | GOV.WALES](#)

4 Data Acquisition and Linking for Research

Faye Gracey, Welsh Government

Faye shared presentation about her team’s work which is part of Administrative Data Research (ADR)Wales - a partnership with Welsh Government Data Acquisition and Linking for Research (DALfR) team, Swansea University Secure Anonymised Information Linkage (SAIL) databank & Cardiff University (Wales Institute of Social and Economic Research and Data (WISERD)). They make use of de-identified admin and survey data for policy-relevant research.

Some of their successful projects include linking Flying Start childcare attendance data to school teacher assessments which suggests children that attend Flying Start childcare, and attend more hours, do better in all areas of learning when starting school. This helped inform the Programme for Government commitment to expand early years provision. They were also able to link the School Workforce Census data to COVID vaccine records to inform decision making during the pandemic. This provided reliable evidence more timely and cost effectively than a survey of the workforce could have done, and demonstrates the utility of administrative data.

Ideas for data linking research projects are very welcome. Also, the team will be very happy to speak to you if you have any data that you would like to link and analyse. Third sector data could potentially be extremely valuable to us. Data already available for data linking research projects can be found on [Sail Databank website](#).

It would be helpful if organisations who plan to collect data in the future consider covering data linking in their privacy notice. This cannot be done retrospectively once the data is collected.

Discussion:

Is there a template for the data linking privacy notice?

There is no prescribed template as the WG cannot prescribe what individual entities put into their privacy notice as they are the data controllers. However Faye’s team is happy to talk directly and advise, The [National Survey for Wales privacy notice](#) is often used as a good practice example.

Have you acquired data sources from other UK government departments?

	<p>There are active conversations happening right now. Prison and probation data has been acquired. Census 2021 data is expected imminently. We are speaking to DWP, DVLA, and other UK Government Departments.</p> <p><i>Is there, within SAIL, any project already linking early years' experience of care and/or PRUs with later life homelessness presentations?</i></p> <p>Faye was not sure of exactly this application of the data, but there is lots of evidence across the early years' experience of care and schools, school attendance and homelessness.</p> <p>There is also a plan in place to obtain and link more of this kind of data within the next four years.</p> <p>More information will be available in ADR Wales planned programme of work which will be published on 1 December 2022.</p>	
5	Census 2021 so far	Martin Parry, Welsh Government
	<p>Martin Parry shared a presentation on Census 2021 outputs so far. These include population, migration, households, and UK armed forces veterans.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p><i>When will further reports on ethnicity, identity and language and Welsh language be published? There is an interest in looking at the increase of Welsh speakers within ethnic groups and lower age groups.</i></p> <p>The first publication about ethnicity, national identity, language and religion will be published on 29 November, and the first publication of Welsh language data will be on 6 December. Data about Welsh language by ethnicity, for example, will follow in 2023.</p> <p><i>How was the migration out of Wales in comparison to the inward migration?</i></p> <p>The migration into Wales was higher than migration out of Wales. Positive net migration to Wales is what's responsible for population increase in Wales between 2011 and 2021.</p> <p><i>Is the lower proportion of working age people due to outward migration or birth rates?</i></p> <p>It's likely to be a combination. We have slightly lower birth rates in Wales than in England, which in time means we have relatively fewer people of working age. Migration is also likely to play a part too, as Wales has a higher proportion of older people aged 65 years or older than England.</p> <p><i>Is the rise in the Republic of Ireland passports due to an increase in people applying for Irish passports following Brexit (dual citizenship)?</i></p> <p>This might be one of the possible reasons. The latest census data tell us that there were more people with an Irish passport in Wales than people who were born in Ireland.</p>	

6	Delving Beneath the Headlines. What is really happening in the housing market?	David James, Rural Housing Enabler for Monmouthshire
<p>David James shared a presentation on his role and his research. This included conversations and interviews with online and local estates agents. These questions helped him to gain information on housing market that were not readily available. One of the interesting findings was that buyers rarely, if at all, ask about energy ratings.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p><i>Do you think that buyers not asking about energy ratings is due to the housing market being seller's market? Buyers do not really have a choice, due to potentially being out-bid, hence energy ratings might not be their priority.</i></p> <p>This is definitely the reason behind it right now. This might change soon as estate agents started seeing reduction in house prices for the first time in a very long time. There are fewer buyers now due to the energy crisis.</p> <p><i>Do you publish your finding of your interviews with estate agents?</i></p> <p>No, not currently. After more consistency is introduced, this might be possible.</p> <p><i>Are you hearing about landlords coming out in the market?</i></p> <p>Smaller landlords have been leaving the market, but this surplus will be probably taken over by larger agents.</p>		
7	Fuel poverty modelled estimates for Wales as at October 2021	Rachel Bowen, Welsh Government
<p>Rachel Bowen shared a presentation about the fuel poverty modelling process and main findings. Some of the main findings were that 14% of all households were living in fuel poverty and 3% of all households were living in severe fuel poverty.</p> <p>Right now, Rachel's team is working on fuel poverty dashboard where all the data will be visualised and readily available from a single location.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p><i>There are some estimates about the potential impact on fuel poverty of the price rises in April 2022, but are there more estimates beyond this?</i></p> <p>There has not been any more modelling done in terms of the October 2022 price cap change.</p>		
8	Areas of deep-rooted deprivation	Nia Jones, Welsh Government
<p>Nia Jones shared a presentation about an analysis that her team released in August based on the Welsh index of multiple deprivation (WIMD) 2019. Nia also pointed towards ONS analysis on the rising cost of living.</p>		

	<p>The main finding from the WIMD analysis was that those in the most deprived areas were more likely to have reduced spending on food and essentials, and more likely to be using more credit in response to the cost-of-living crisis. Hence this crisis worse impact on those living in deprived areas overall.</p> <p>Discussion: It was noted that WIMD 2019 is still relevant to use to see the effect of cost-of-living crisis on people in these areas as they are still likely to be areas experiencing high deprivation.</p>	
9	Well-being of Wales report 2022	Stefanie Taylor, Welsh Government
	<p>Stefanie Taylor shared a presentation about the Well-being of Wales report 2022.</p> <p>The report provides an update on the Well-being of Wales and helps to assess whether we are making the progress we should be towards the seven national Wellbeing Goals set in the Act. The report considers progress against 50 national indicators.</p> <p>The report was assessed by the Office for Statistics Regulation and was awarded 'National Statistics' status. This year it was the first time when reporting on the national milestones was included and some new national indicators.</p> <p>There is currently a survey about the ways of usage and possible improvements of the report. It can be found here Shaping Wales' Future Blog (gov.wales)</p> <p>Discussion It was mentioned that a separate report on Children's wellbeing was released this year. A wellbeing of older people report might be an area of interest.</p>	
10	Any further business	Steph Howarth, Welsh Government
	<p>Stephanie suggested members get in touch with any future agenda suggestions.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for the 4th of May 2023.</p>	