

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

Thursday 09 November 2023 – 10:00-12:30

Attendees			
Amanda	Everson	AE	Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services
Lowri	Griffiths	LG	Tenovus Cancer Care
Steph	Howarth	SH	Welsh Government - Chair
David	James	DJ	Monmouthshire Rural Housing Enabler
Eleanor	Jones	EJ	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Sue	Leake	SL	Welsh Government
Joshua	Parry	JP	Welsh Government
AJ	Perkins	AJP	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Megan	Williams	MW	Welsh Government
Presenters			
Mal	Colley	MC	Tenovus Cancer Care
Nia	Jones	NJ	Welsh Government
George	Kamau	GK	Welsh Government
Richard	Murphy	RM	Welsh Government
Stefanie	Taylor	ST	Welsh Government
Maddy	Young	MY	Tenovus Cancer Care
Minute takers			
Nathan	Hughes	NH	Welsh Government
Luke	Naylor	LN	Welsh Government
Apologies			
Gronw	ab Islwyn	GAI	Tenovus Cancer Care
Janine	Downing	JD	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Catrin	James	CJ	Urdd Gobaith Cymru
Ruth	Power	RP	Shelter Cymru
Judith	Stone	JS	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Hade	Turkmen	HT	Oxfam Cymru

1	Welcome	Steph Howarth, Welsh Government
SH welcomed everyone. See apologies above.  Simultaneous translation was not provided as the ten percent quota was not met.		

2	Actions from the last meeting	Steph Howarth, Welsh Government
<p>Actions update: KAS events to circulate Office for National Statistics (ONS) update on census outputs. Completed.</p> <p>Scott Clifford to follow up with MY about recording of ethnicity data by the NHS, Ongoing. Concerns have been fed back to officials working on the Equality Evidence Units' data audit project. Further discussions regarding this issue will be undertaken with data users and suppliers as part of the next phase of the audit.</p> <p>Sue Leake to contact pass Race Council Cymru to see if they wish to engage with ONS around the consultation on future of population and social statistics., SL contacted Race Council Cymru. Information about the Consultation on the future of Population and Migration Statistics was included in the ARWAP Stakeholder Bulletin.</p> <p>Emily Stidson, ONS, to share sign up information to events once the consultation goes live and share more detail on upcoming consultation via admin of the group. Completed.</p> <p>Secretariat to note MY presentation for potential agenda item for the next meeting. Completed.</p>		
3	WIMD update and how to access data	Nia Jones, Richard Murphy & George Kamau, Welsh Government
<p>NJ, GK &amp; RM gave an overview of the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD), the official measure of multiple deprivation for small areas in Wales.</p> <p>The data can be accessed through an <a href="#">online tool</a>, via <a href="#">StatsWales</a>, <a href="#">DataMapWales</a>, or by reports on <a href="#">the Welsh Government website</a>.</p> <p>The index offers ways to compare the relative deprivation of small areas by either overall deprivation or by 8 types of deprivation, with summary measures available for larger areas such as local authorities.</p> <p>The data should not be used for quantifying deprivation, identifying deprivation of individuals, comparison to other parts of the UK, or as an affluence measure.</p> <p>The <a href="#">interactive tool</a> also has a postcode lookup tool to assist with searching, and can display the results on a map, table or graphical format.</p>		

<p>Data available on StatsWales also provides breakdowns by protected characteristics and can be exported in a .csv format for further analysis. The StatsWales tables also include a Postcode to WIMD rank lookup, which is updated every 12-18 months with new postcodes.</p> <p>The presentation slides link to some recent WIMD outputs on GP and Primary Care clusters and on Deep-rooted deprivation, and indicate what outputs are being planned (following consultation with expert users).</p> <p>Following the 2021 Census results, some LSOA boundaries have been redefined. The majority of boundaries are unaffected by this, but some areas have been either merged or split. It is not intended to rework WIMD 2019 to be based on 2021 boundaries, but advice was provided on how to approach this issue if needed.</p> <p>A full WIMD update is planned for late 2025, following a consultation on proposed changes to existing indicators in winter 2024/25.</p> <p>Any queries for the team can be sent to <a href="mailto:stats.inclusion@gov.wales">stats.inclusion@gov.wales</a>.</p>	
<p>4 Quarterly Statistics newsletter, Demography newsletter, and update on the Office for National Statistics consultation on population and migration statistics</p>	<p>Steph Howarth, Welsh Government</p>
<p>SH noted a few things from the most recent Quarterly Statistics Newsletter, noting that the Well-being of Wales report is discussed in more detail later.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Labour Market Survey figures</a> have become more volatile both during and post-pandemic, due to a decrease in response rate. The ONS is producing new experimental estimates for UK level labour statistics. The survey will be undergoing a transformation in Spring 2024 to adapt to a number of changes. Please contact Sue Leake for advice on how to use Labour Market data in the interim period.</p> <p>Absence figures for schools have been collected weekly since the pandemic, and the more robust annual collection has been restarted now. There has been an increase in the number of absences since the pandemic started that has not recovered post-pandemic. <a href="#">Free school meal data</a> is now available following some additional validation required following some changes to the number of people on transitional protection for free school meals and the roll-out of the Universal Primary Free School meals Scheme.</p> <p>Monthly homeless statistics will be published at the local authority level This has been reviewed and approved by the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR).</p> <p>The National Survey for Wales' headline results for 2022-23 were published in July.</p>	

<p><a href="#">A report on health statistics</a> has been created by pooling 4 years of the National Survey for Wales results, focussing on healthy lifestyle behaviours broken down by protected characteristics.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Youth Justice dashboard</a> has been published.</p> <p>The Welsh Government has responded to the ONS consultation on the future of population and migration statistics at the end of October. The response can be shared with members of the group if interested.</p> <p>The usage of population and migration statistics was discussed, including the production of income statistics broken down by ethnicity. Coherence with other UK statistics was also discussed.</p> <p>SH also noted that the release of population data scheduled for September 2023 has been delayed until November 2023.</p>	
<p>5 Using public data to improve cancer services in Wales</p>	<p>Maddy Young &amp; Mal Colley, Tenovus Cancer Care</p>
<p>MY's background is in Cancer research and MC's background is in marketing and looking to promote Tenovus Cancer Care whenever possible.</p> <p>MY gave an overview of what Tenovus Cancer Care does and the services they provide. Patient perspectives are always taken into account.</p> <p>Highlighted the charity's previous contributions to cancer research and how that process has developed. Emphasis was given to evidence-based decisions to promote decision making. Marketing is an important aspect of the charity to ensure their influence is recognised across Wales.</p> <p>Gave an example of a recent use of ONS and WIMD data to support internal activities and making use of the resources available to contribute to the evidence building process. This also highlighted gaps within the data and the further action needed to fill these gaps. MC described some work on accessibility of hospital cancer care for patients in Wales.</p> <p>WIMD was also used to find a correlation between deprivation and cancer deaths in Wales and consider how support can be provided in these areas. This helps the wider organisation build the reasoning and recognise why this is the case in order to plan specific priorities and activities to help resolve and prevent this issue.</p> <p>They also take inspiration from England statistics provided by Cancer research UK such as ethnicity cancer data to ensure that the same information is being provided and collected for Wales.</p> <p>Discussion:</p>	<p>Action: SH to speak to the data acquisition and linking for research (DALFR) team regarding ethnicity data and the data deficit on linked health and ethnicity data</p>

	<p>SH asked if there is anything else we can do at WG to help MY responded to say that accessing raw data may be difficult at times, in particular with more user-friendly dashboards where this raw data is not being provided clearly. SH suggested that Tenovus speak to the Data Acquisition and Linking for Research (DALFR) in ADR Wales about potential to link health and ethnicity data.</p> <p>The charity now sits on the WIMD Advisory panel to assist with the communication process.</p> <p>SL suggested that it may be useful to have a conversation on how WG tackled the discussions with ONS regarding travel times to services across postcodes.</p> <p>EJ highlighted the issues regarding public transport and how in the current economic climate patients may struggle to get to appointments in time. Emphasising the usefulness of the data but the need to acknowledge the factors that may not be reflected in the data, such as barriers due to lack of transport services and costs of getting to appointments, in particularly in the more rural areas.</p> <p>AE asked if data was available for cancer and young people. MY made the point that this is available and how they're currently looking at including carer data into future conclusions.</p>	<p>Action: MY/SL to discuss how WG worked with ONS about travel times to services.</p>
6	Wellbeing of Wales	Stef Taylor, Welsh Government
	<p>ST gave an overview of the 2023 <a href="#">Well-being of Wales Report</a>, noting how the report develops annually.</p> <p>A breakdown for the seven well-being goals is provided including information on protected characteristics within the report and the interactive pages and supplementary reports available. This year's <a href="#">supplementary report was on ethnicity and well-being</a>.</p> <p>ST highlighted the core themes found in this year's report and how these interlink to the wellbeing goals of Wales.</p> <p>She briefly summarised each chapter of the report using key points to reflect how the <a href="#">50 national indicators</a> are influencing the progress of the seven well-being goals.</p> <p>Please let ST know what potential characteristics could be covered in future and how you use the report.</p>	<p>Action: Members to feedback any thoughts on what characteristics would be useful to cover in a future supplementary Well-being report.</p>
7	Any Other Business	Steph Howarth, Welsh Government

<p>SL to contact policy colleagues supporting the Third Sector Partnership Council to seek interest in the panel before the next user panel.</p> <p>Please feel free to suggest any ideas for future agenda items.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 2 May 2024.</p>	<p>Action: SL to contact policy colleagues supporting the Third Sector Partnership Council to seek interest in the panel before the next user panel</p>
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<p align="center"><b>Third Sector Statistics User Panel for Wales</b>            9 November 2023            Summary of Action Points</p>		
1	SH to speak to the data acquisition and linking for research (DALFR) team regarding ethnicity data and the data deficit on linked health and ethnicity data	Steph Howarth
2	MY/SL to discuss how WG worked with ONS about travel times to services.	Sue Leake and Maddy Young
3	Members to feedback any thoughts on what characteristics would be useful to cover in a future supplementary Well-being report.	All
4	SL to contact policy colleagues supporting the Third Sector Partnership Council to seek interest in the panel before the next user panel	Sue Leake