

### Third Sector Statistics User Panel for Wales: Minutes of Meeting

WCVA, Baltic House, Mount Square, Cardiff Bay  
 Wednesday 11 October 2017 – 13:00-16:00

<b>Attendees</b>		
Chloe	Jenkins	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Glyn	Jones	Welsh Government
Sue	Leake	Welsh Government
Calvin	Lees	Learning and Work Institute (formerly NIACE)
Fiona	Liddell	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Carys	Moseley	Cytûn
Anna	Nicholl	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Lucy	Prior	Welsh Government
Julie	Skelton	Carers Wales
Neil	Townsend	Office for National Statistics
Hade	Turkmen	Chwarae Teg
Lisa	Walters	Welsh Government
Steffan	Wiliam	Translator
<b>Apologies</b>		
Paul	Glaze	Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services
Nick	Lewis	Umbrella Cymru
Catrin	James	Urdd Gobaith Cymru
John	Gossage	Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services
Lucy	Williams	Bevan Foundation
Rhodri	Bowen	People and Work Unit
Gareth	Brand	Welsh Government
Daniella	David	Race Council Cymru
Alex	Osmond	The Wallich
Esther	Sutherland	Office for National Statistics
Rita	Singh	Size of Wales

		Action points
1	Welcome and Introductions	Sue Leake
SL opened the meeting and welcomed members. It was noted that many of the attendees had not printed the papers		Action: SL to ensure that for the next meeting instructions about printing papers and information about where to download the minutes would be clearly specified and any late submissions printed and brought to the meeting. Action: SL to ensure that 'Minutes and actions' is added to the future agendas
2	Minutes and Actions	Sue Leake
Format of minutes were discussed and agreed. Members noted that presentations took a while to become available after the previous meeting		Action: SL to ensure that the presentations would be made available as soon as possible after the meeting
3	Papers: Quarterly Statistics Newsletter, Demography and the Census	Sue Leake
The <a href="#">Stats quarterly update</a> and the <a href="#">demography newsletter</a> were noted with limited comment		
4	Statistical Update: Review of last six months and plans for the next six months	Sue Leake/Glyn Jones
<p>SL talked through a presentation which reviewed the outputs published in the last six months and the priorities for the next six months, noting that a few of the slides were a little outdated.</p> <p>JS enquired how to find out what publications are due out and have been published. GJ demonstrated how to navigate the website to get to the <a href="#">due out soon</a> page and showed how to <a href="#">register to receive the fortnightly newsletter</a> to be told of recently published releases. However it wasn't possible to 'only' be informed of releases that related to a particular topic of interest.</p> <p>SL/GJ highlighted a few specific issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some initial difficulties there had been with the quality of homelessness data following introduction of new legislation, and Welsh Government (WG) discussions about the possibility of collecting homelessness data at an individual household level</li> <li>• that WG will be consulting users about what outputs they would like from the <a href="#">Welsh House Conditions Survey</a></li> <li>• Recent media interest in the disparities across people of different races which were revealed on the new UK Ethnicity Facts and Figures website published by the Cabinet Office as a result of the UK Government's 'Race Disparity Audit'. SL referred the group to the section in the <a href="#">Well-being of Wales report on equality</a> for information on ethnicity in Wales</li> <li>• Agriculture Statistics team have published <a href="#">StatsWales cubes</a> and are keen for feedback on their usefulness</li> <li>• <a href="#">Provisional analysis of the 2016/17 examination results</a> had been published; due to the changes in exams that have been</li> </ul>		Action: Panel members were asked to <a href="#">provide any comments</a> they may have on the new StatsWales cubes on

	<p>implemented there were some discontinuities which have impacted on comparisons with previous years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New data received from DWP which matches employment, benefits and earnings records with learner data, will provide opportunities to analyse information about people’s journey post 16</li> <li>• More transport data has been added to StatsWales. New data on vehicle speeds on motorways has been published, showing some interesting differences by times of day and highlights issues around the Brynglas tunnels etc.</li> <li>• Recently published projections for Welsh speakers based on different scenarios to see what was needed to achieve the WG target of a million Welsh speakers by 2050</li> </ul>	Agriculture
5	2021 Census – Topics and Questions	Neil Townsend
	<p>NT presented on the 2021 Census. The presentation covered the findings of the 2017 Census test and an update on the questions proposed and considered for the 2021 Census. This presentation is not being published as ONS are reviewing their publishing plan around topics.</p> <p>The 2017 Census test found that around 80% of those responding completed the form online and that many used mobiles and other devices to complete it.</p> <p>Ethnic Group: ONS is exploring what additional response options (if any) should be included in the 2021 Census.</p> <p>Language: ONS is considering whether to recommend asking about ‘main language’ - with separate response options for ‘English’ and ‘Welsh’ – discussing with Welsh Language Commissioner and the Welsh Government.</p> <p>Armed Forces Community: ONS is considering recommending including a question on the 2021 Census that asks if respondents have previously served in the armed forces.</p> <p>Sexual Identity: The test showed that the inclusion of a question on sexual identity did not have a detrimental effect on response rates (a drop of 1%).</p> <p>Gender Identity: ONS has been carrying out research to test public acceptability. A data user workshop in September 2017 found that stakeholders wanted a two-step question which asked sex at birth then a gender identity now question. The group were shown the potential questions and provided a number of comments about the wording.</p> <p>Volunteering: NT indicated that stakeholder engagement had shown that the user need for questions on this was not as strong as other new topics.</p> <p>FL expressed her disappointment with the inconsistent way questions were asked about volunteering (e.g. formal/non-formal, last 12 months/currently) in various surveys. GJ said this could be considered by GSS harmonisation and by WG when</p>	<p>Action: GJ to provide the group with contact details of how to contact NT to provide comments on proposed Census questions</p> <p>Action: LW to contact GSS harmonisation team to find out the advice on harmonised volunteering questions and express the concern of the group about inconsistent questions on the topic in various surveys.</p>

	<p>preparing questions for the next National Survey.</p> <p>CJ mentioned the need for a question on renewable energy as opposed to central heating. SL indicated that this had been raised with the Census Topic Group on housing.</p>	<p>Action: GJ to ensure that WCVA are consulted when preparing next question of volunteering for the National Survey</p>
6	National Survey for Wales	Lisa Walters
	<p>LW presented on the National Survey for Wales. She explained how the survey was carried out, how to find out what questions have been included in the survey, by using the <a href="#">question viewer</a> and how to access results through the <a href="#">results viewer</a> and gave a summary of <a href="#">key findings</a> for 2016-17. CJ noted how useful the infographics were to share on social media.</p> <p>LW presented some initial findings on volunteers and carers and mentioned that her colleague LP would be conducting some in-depth analysis into this.</p> <p>FL mentioned that it might be useful for LP and LW to attend a Volunteering Wales Network meeting in November to inform that group of this proposed work to gain some input.</p>	<p>Action: FL to send LW report on volunteering services and to invite LW and LP to Volunteering Wales Network meeting</p>
7	Well Being of Wales Report	Glyn Jones
	<p>GJ reported that the first annual National Well-being report (Well-being of Wales) was published in September. GJ demonstrated how to find the <a href="#">report</a> and encouraged the group to use the '<a href="#">view data</a>' tab, where there was additional information on each national indicator. He also demonstrated how it is possible to click on goals and find out which indicators relate to each of the well-being goals and to the UN Sustainable Development goals.</p> <p>There is also a set of slides available through <a href="#">slideshare</a> which shows a summary of some of the key messages.</p> <p>GJ encouraged the group to share the report widely. He noted that the report would be developed in future but it would not be the place for the full analysis of detailed data. He would welcome feedback about its usability.</p>	<p>Action: Group to email GJ with any feedback about the Well-being of Wales report</p>
8	Future trends	Glyn Jones
	<p>GJ showed where to find the <a href="#">Future Trends report</a> which was designed to identify key trends that could affect Wales in the future.</p> <p>GJ acknowledged that this was very early stages of this work and highlighted the information that could be found under the '<a href="#">view data</a>' tab.</p>	
9	Future Agenda items and date of next meeting	Sue Leake
	<p>A discussion took place about future meetings and how best to make the panel useful to participants.</p> <p>Participants were positive about the establishment of the Panel and recognised the diverse range of interests of those attending. A variety of suggestions for future meetings were offered including:</p>	<p>Action: SL/AN to consider the feedback given about future meetings and to engage with panel members before setting the agenda for the next meeting</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraging more interaction in the meetings and during the agenda setting process; considering agenda items on themed topics.</li> <li>• Keep updates from WG short but invite updates from participants, and discussion of issues they have identified in finding, using or sharing data.</li> <li>• Invite third sector participants to prioritise data issues of the group, and allow discussion of how to coordinate a joint response from the third sector to ONS or WG statistical proposals</li> <li>• Consider using webinar sessions for some purposes.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, outside of the meetings, KAS could be asked to:</p> <p>a) facilitate a visit to the Data Science Campus; and b) participate in Gofod 3 in March 2018</p> <p>Date of next meeting to be arranged in April 2018 (avoiding Easter Holidays). Participants agreed WCVA Baltic House was appropriate venue.</p>		
9	Any other Business	Sue Leake
	FL mentioned that she had been contacted by ONS regarding the Statistical Volunteering programme where statistical analysts can volunteer to work at another organisation helping them with their statistics for short period.	Action: FL to circulate the information about the Statistical Volunteering programme

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