

Data Cymru update – WSLC February 2020

Profiling Places Wales: February update

In May 2019 we launched our place-based data tool – [Profiling Places Wales](#). This was subject to an update in September 2019 and we are on course to include further updates to the tool on 24 February.

We have continued with our development plans for Profiling Places Wales and updates in the new release will include:

- the addition of 2019 WIMD data;
- train station mapping and commuter data;
- implementation of a local authority search filter;
- improvements to Census metadata;
- linking the local health & well-being services to the [Dewis Cymru](#) directory; as well as
- other functional updates.

We have further developments planned for the tool and continue to **welcome input and advice from WSLC colleagues** as we seek to add further data and extend its functionality. We maintain a long-term focus on the potential to support understanding of the data coming out of the 2021 Census.

If you have any thoughts or ideas or would like to have a chat about the tool, please contact [Tom Brame](#).

New statistical staff at Data Cymru

Our Strategic Plan set out our intention to increase our statistical capacity, both to broaden the statistical work we undertake and to increase the level of support available to the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) and local authorities.

We've recently appointed to a new senior role, Head of Statistics and Research and we are delighted that Sam Sullivan has joined us to fill this new role. Sam moves to us from a role in ONS.

We are also pleased to welcome Richard Leyshon to Data Cymru. Richard has been appointed into our newly created Statistician role. Richard joins us from the Wales Audit Office.

We expect to appoint into other statistical roles shortly.

Thriving Places Wales: 2020 update

Soon, we will be updating [Thriving Places Wales](#) with data for 2020. This is the third iteration of the Index, which measures the prevalence of conditions for well-being at a local authority level across Wales.

We will be publicising the update via social media and our website.

We have worked with Happy City to amend the indicator list, but the structure of the Index remains unchanged. We will also be publishing report cards for each local authority area, which show scores for dimensions, domains and sub-domains.

As always, if you are interested in using the tool please contact [Duncan MacKenzie](#) or [Happy City](#) for more information.

LARIA update

Details for the 2020 LARIA Conference have been published. This year's conference theme is 'Harnessing the potential of data'. The conference is being held at the Manchester Conference Centre on Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 June. Details of plenary and workshop sessions will be released closer to the date of the conference.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for a workshop session, the closing date for papers is **Friday 7 February**.

For more information, please visit the [LARIA website](#) or contact [Duncan MacKenzie](#).

Open Data

Progress on the development of our Open Data Hub is progressing well with a prototype on the near horizon.

We are in discussions with Welsh Government and the Office of the Chief Digital Officer to ensure our work is complimentary and to pursue opportunities where it makes sense to work in partnership.

Further detail can be found on our recently published [blog](#) where we have also called for input colleagues on the Hub's development.

Please contact [Dan Cummings](#) for further information.

National Social Care Data Portal for Wales

In 2017 we launched the National Social Care Data Set for Social Care Wales, an online tool which brought together various data sets from the social care sector. More recently Social Care Wales asked us to develop an improved version of the tool, including a better look and feel, improved data and added reporting functionality, among some of the improvements.

In December 2019 we launched the new look [National Social Care Data Portal for Wales](#), which has received positive feedback. We will continue to work on improving the functionality of the Portal by including Power BI dashboards, a data catalogue and continuing to source additional data.

If you have any queries, please contact [Suzanne Draper](#).

Social research and evaluation at Data Cymru:

SHEP (School Holiday Enrichment Programme)

We continue to provide support for the management and implementation of the School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP) for the Welsh Local Government Association. Qualitative case study and survey work has been undertaken and administrative data will support the findings of an outcomes evaluation report which we aim to complete by Easter 2020.

We are also exploring the potential of evaluating the Social Return on Investment of this work and will be producing a framework for this throughout 2020.

Violence Against Women and Domestic Abuse (AWDASV)

In 2019, we provided evaluation planning support for the West Wales Violence Against Women and Domestic Abuse Sexual Violence Forum (VAWDASV). We will also be supporting their evaluation outcomes report.

Other

We will soon be publishing our social research section on our website. The section will outline details of our social research strategy, as well as include links to some useful blogs and resources. We will post/tweet via social media once available.

On 12 February, we and the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) will be hosting a workshop on [‘Evaluating frontline services - WHAT WORKS?’ – A Community of Inquiry](#). The workshop is aimed at those who are involved in the commissioning, or delivery of voluntary or public sector services.

For more information about any of the work we are doing around social research and evaluation then please contact [Leanne Teichner](#).