

Third Sector Statistics User Panel for Wales: minutes of meeting

Thursday 04 May 2023 – 10:00-12:30

Attendees			
Mal	Colley	MC	Tenovus Cancer Care
Steph	Howarth	SH	Welsh Government - Chair
Catrin	James	CJ	Urdd Gobaith Cymru
Sue	Leake	SL	Welsh Government
Carys	Moseley	CM	Cytûn
AJ	Perkins	AJP	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Emily	Stidston	ES	Office for National Statistics
Hade	Turkmen	HT	Chwarae Teg
Megan	Williams	MW	Welsh Government
Samir	Yasir	SY	
Maddy	Young	MY	Tenovus Cancer Care
Natalie	Zhivkova	NZ	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Presenters			
Scott	Clifford	SC	Welsh Government
Ben	Cooper	BC	Office for National Statistics
Amina	Elmansouri	AE	Welsh Government
Jody	Mellor	JM	Welsh Government
Llio	Owen	LO	Welsh Government
Cian	Siôn	CS	Welsh Government
Andy	Teague	AT	Office for National Statistics
Minute takers			
Florence	Milne	FM	Welsh Government
Apologies			
Uzo	Iwobi OBE	UI	Race Council Cymru
Fiona	Liddell	FL	Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Ed	Morgan	EM	Office for National Statistics

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 Minutes and actions from previous meeting	Steph Howarth, Welsh Government
There were no actions from the previous meeting, minutes agreed.	
3 Quarterly Statistical and Demography newsletters	Steph Howarth, Welsh Government
<p>Quarterly Statistics Update</p> <p>SH highlighted the key points:</p> <p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since the pandemic more frequent school attendance data has been published, from May this will change from weekly to monthly publications. - Counselling for children and young people annual release was published on 30 March. - Post 16 education published a large number of releases recently including Post 16 Performance Measures which has now resumed after pausing during the pandemic. <p>Housing and homelessness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During the pandemic, we started up a monthly collection of management information on homelessness, accommodation provision and rough sleeping, and we're publishing some headline findings from that monthly. We are keen to improve the quality of that and think about how we can expand the range of data that's published from that collection. There's been a workshop with local authorities to think about how we can go about doing that. - Help to Buy and affordable housing provision statistics have been published. - Working to produce a dashboard exploring energy efficiency of homes in Wales. <p>Health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monthly NHS performance figures still continue to get lots of interest. That includes monthly cancer performance figures as well as cancer waiting times. - Looking at how we can improve understanding and comparisons with other countries in the UK for NHS performance measures. - The COVID Infection Survey was paused at the end of March. We have also been looking at winding down other remaining COVID outputs. <p>National survey for Wales:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The latest results for national survey will be published in early July. - There will be no national survey results in 2024 as they are changing contactors but that does mean there will be an opportunity for the team to look at the 2023 survey results in much more depth. 	

	<p>Poverty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recently published the first official statistics on poverty since the pandemic. - We are starting to prepare for the next round of WIMD. - Any questions about poverty statistics can be directed to statsinclusion@gov.wales <p>Environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decarbonisation team within the WG are considering producing a wider range of outputs on greenhouse gas emissions. If you are interested in this topic, please contact decarbonisationmailbox@gov.wales <p>Statistics Wales quarterly update GOV.WALES</p> <p>Quarterly Demography Update</p> <p>Latest population estimate (mid-year 2021 estimate) was published in December.</p> <p>Electoral roll statistics have been published. Note they don't currently include 16- and 17-year-olds who are eligible to vote in some elections in Wales.</p> <p>Statistics Wales demography newsletter GOV.WALES</p> <p>Census 2021 outputs update - Sue Leake</p> <p>ONS are producing an update on the latest census 2021 outputs. It will be circulated once available.</p> <p>Between November 2022 and January 2023 Census topics summaries have been published by ONS. Welsh Government produced summaries for Wales which provided links to the ONS outputs for England and Wales. They cover topics such as demography and migration, armed forces, veterans, ethnicity national identity, religion, language, Welsh Language in Wales, labour market, housing, education, sexual orientation, and gender identity.</p> <p>Analysis articles have also been published by ONS which include multivariate analysis.</p> <p>Interactive content has also been produced including maps, quizzes and a 'Create a custom dataset' tool.</p> <p>Interactive content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Census maps - Census map game - Census quiz - How your area has changed in 10 years - Build a custom area profile - Create a custom dataset 	<p>Action: KAS Admin to circulate ONS update on census outputs.</p>
4	Equality, Race and Disability Evidence Unit update	Amina Elmansouri & Jody Mellor, Scott Clifford, Welsh Government

<p>SC, AE and JM delivered a presentation with an update on the Equality, Race and Disability Evidence unit within the Welsh Government.</p> <p>The presentation covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An outline of the new structure of the unit. - Policy context and the policies that influence the work of the unit. - The strategy of the unit. - The challenges the unit faces. - Key stakeholders. - Key projects at the moments including Anti Racist Wales Action Plan, LGBTQ+ action plan and work towards developing a set of survey questions that reflect the social model of disability. <p>If you would like to receive quarterly updates please email equalityevidenceunit@gov.wales and you will be added to the distribution list.</p> <p>Equality, Race and Disability Evidence Units strategy</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>MY mentioned struggling to find data on ethnicity within NHS Wales. Information came out last year about ethnicity and cancer outcomes in England, but similar data isn't available for Wales. Freedom of information requests have indicated that ethnicity data is only actually collected between 5 and 50% of the time. Is it possible to work alongside the unit to make sure data that is mandated is being collected? It was also noted that whilst some Health Boards collect around 50% of their patient's data this data is not representative of the demographic in that area, suggesting the process of data collection or response could be slightly biased.</p> <p>SC replied: the unit is looking at doing a data audit of what is available and what is collected and published. Currently they are focused on what KAS collects and produces but will expand to look at the wider public sector. SC to link MY into conversations outside of the meeting to how this can be included.</p> <p>HT noted that when looking at the intersection of characteristics you often cannot get a gender breakdown so cannot look at different experiences of minority ethnic groups by gender which is important information for Chwarae Teg. HT asked if the unit has a strategy around gender breakdowns and intersectionality.</p> <p>SC replied: yes, we are very mindful of the need for intersectional analysis. There are a number of issues that can prevent that, but this is a long-term issue that the unit is working on.</p>	<p>Action: SC to follow up with MY about recording of ethnicity data by the NHS</p>
<p>5 Transforming Population and Social Statistics</p>	<p>Ben Cooper & Andy Teague, ONS</p>
<p>AT spoke about the work ONS is doing related to the future of population and social statistics (including the future of the census) and an upcoming consultation.</p> <p>Main points:</p>	

The census is a great detailed dataset, but it is a snapshot and as we know our society is continuing to change and the way we live, and work is changing.

ONS have been aware for some time that there is demand for more timely statistics.

Between census's ONS update census data with data drawn from a range of sources (surveys and administrative data) for the population for a few characteristics at a regional level. However, over the decade this data gets less and less accurate.

In the summer ONS are going to set out proposals for what they think they should do in the future, in terms of transforming the way they deliver population and migration statistics.

A public consultation will seek to gain an understanding of how the proposals will meet user's needs. ONS will welcome responses to the consultation from the third sector in Wales.

Discussion:

AJP asked whether ONS knew why the response was so good for the census in 2021?

AT said there was a range of things that may have had an impact including that we were in lockdown, comms around the census successfully reached a wide range of audiences, lots of work was done with community groups. Whilst BC mentioned that the digital element of the census also helped increase engagement.

SL mentioned that Race Council Cymru couldn't attend this meeting, but it may be useful to contact them and see if there are any consultation events that would be helpful for them to pass on to those people that they're communicating with regularly.

SH asked how can we support our third sector colleagues to respond to the consultation - are there other events we can join up with to encourage a response from organisations in Wales to get across the organisation's needs?

ES said that once the consultation goes live there will be launch events run by the ONS teams, one of which will be aimed at voluntary and equalities groups. Details can be passed on once available.

NZ asked if there was a write up of information available so far (e.g., around timescales for the consultation)?

ES replied: more detail will be available shortly we will share something around once available.

ES noted that organisations are welcome to contact the ONS team if they wish to have a wider conversation particularly from a community group or voluntary sector perspective.

Action: SL 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.

Action: ES to share sign up information to events once the consultation goes live.

Action: ES to share more detail on upcoming consultation via admin of the group.

	<p>There is a newsletter that is a good way of keeping informed of latest releases and will include information on the consultation in the coming weeks. Sign up to the newsletter here.</p> <p>Contact email: outreach.engagement.community@ons.gov.uk</p>	
6	<p>Welsh language – Census results / ONS and WG joint work plan on coherence of Welsh language statistics</p>	<p>Llio Owen & Cian Siôn, Welsh Government</p>
	<p>LO and CS gave a presentation on Welsh Language Statistics.</p> <p>The presentation covered the 2021 census Welsh language results and compared them to the Census 2011 results as well as the data that is now available including the ‘Create a Custom Dataset’ Tool. The tool allows you to look at data on several different geographic levels and population breakdowns and create multivariate breakdowns of Welsh language skills with other variables. CS demonstrated the type of detail available through the tool.</p> <p>There will be future releases of data on this topic including a stats bulletin covering the results shared in today’s presentation, a bulletin on transmission of the Welsh Language within households and there is more census data to come from ONS. Links to ONS publication plans can be found on the slides.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>CJ said it is useful to have custom searches. Between census’ CJ’s team used to use the National Survey, however, there were lots of caveats regarding the quality of the data particularly for areas within Wales. She asked if this was the case with the census.</p> <p>CS replied: No, the census gives you access to very detailed queries due to volume of responses from most households in Wales without these caveats.</p>	
7	<p>Discussion on direction of group</p>	<p>Steph Howarth, Welsh Government</p>
	<p>SH invited views on the future direction of the group, what members would like to gain from the group, and arrangements. She mentioned that we may need to refresh the list of members to check we have up to date contact information for some organisations.</p> <p>A number of members indicated how useful they find the meetings, with one welcoming the crosscutting aspect of the meeting. Members of the group from individual third sector organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - Would welcome engagement from a wider range of third sector organisations - thought it would be useful to hear from other charity representatives about how they are using data to influence. - Might welcome guidance on how to use WG data (for example, WIMD) alongside their own data. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would welcome items of topical issues such as the cost of living crisis (note there have been relevant items on cost of living in the last two meetings) - Might welcome other demonstrations e.g., on mapping of postcodes. <p>There were a number of suggestions from AJP and NZ including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noting that the meetings are quite long and broad ranging, if more detail was given on the agenda further in advance it may help people see the benefit of attending - It may also be helpful to make it clear that people can drop in and out for the agenda items they are interested in - It would be good to create more structured involvement between meetings e.g., asking if there are any questions so that the data could be presented that will help answer problems groups are having - . It might be helpful to consider whether the group could share good practice in encouraging digital engagement within the sector. <p>SH mentioned the Centre for Digital Public Services are doing some webinars which could be useful.</p> <p>SH invited volunteers who would like to present on the way they use their data and MY indicated she would be happy to do so.</p>	<p>Action: Secretariat: to note MY presentation for potential agenda item for the next meeting.</p>
9	Any Other Business	Steph Howarth, Welsh Government
	<p>SH said Welsh Government Knowledge and Analytical Services are currently thinking about what the next version of StatsWales will look like, with an aim to procure a new StatsWales service over the coming months. It may be useful to bring information on this development to a future meeting. Currently there are no timescales for this project.</p> <p>Please feel free to suggest any ideas for agenda items.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 9 November 2023.</p>	

Third Sector Statistics User Panel for Wales 4 May 2023 Summary of Action Points		
1	KAS events to circulate ONS update on census outputs	Completed
2	SC to follow up with MY about recording of ethnicity data by the NHS	SC
3	SL 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

4	ES to share sign up information to events once the consultation goes live and share more detail on upcoming consultation via admin of the group.	ES
5	Secretariat to note MY presentation for potential agenda item for the next meeting.	Secretariat