

Data Cymru update – WSLC June 2023

Local Area Profile dashboard – beta version available

We have recently made available a Beta version of our local area profile to local authority colleagues via Heads of Policy, Heads of Democratic Services, and Performance and Data networks. The tool uses Census data at ward and LSOA geographies to paint a picture of local areas, covering the six themes below:

- People
- Employment and skills
- Health and care
- Transport
- Housing
- Language and identity.

We plan to publish the final version of the tool on our website in early July.

For further information please contact [Suzanne Draper](#).

Self-Assessment Performance Dataset (SAPD) tool for Welsh Councils

We have developed a tool to support Welsh councils with their Self-Assessment Performance data (SAPD). The tool has been developed in response to the Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021 which requires each Welsh council to keep under review the extent to which it is meeting its 'performance requirements'.

This tool is a resource for local authorities to access a standardised set of performance data. It allows them to understand how they are performing against the requirements and how this compares to others.

Take a look: <https://www.data.cymru/data/self-assessment-performance-data>

For further information about the SAPD, please contact [Suzanne Draper](#).

Are you keen to understand more about the cost of living crisis, its drivers and impacts?

We have recently published our 'Understanding the cost of living' dashboard. The dashboard is designed to help you understand more about the cost of living at both a national, and where possible, local level.

The information is split into three themes:

- Prices – which focuses on the cost of different goods and services and how they are changing over time;
- Employment – which focuses on how pay and employment levels are changing; and
- Impacts – which focuses on some of the impacts of the cost of living crisis.

From the home page, which provides an introduction to each theme, you can click on 'Explore the data' to view more data relating to each theme.

To access the dashboard, follow the link below:

<https://www.data.cymru/dashboards/understanding-the-cost-of-living>

We'd be grateful for your feedback on the dashboard. Please contact [Suzanne Draper](#).

Social Care Priorities report

We were commissioned by the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) to identify and understand the medium-term priorities for social care in Wales. We surveyed and ran a series of focus groups with senior council members and officers as well as other organisations that deliver, or support, social care in Wales. We found that workforce issues, funding, and complex needs associated with an ageing population were key concerns raised by participants.

The full report is available on our [website](#).

Local Government Candidates survey


On behalf of the 22 local authorities in Wales, we were commissioned by Welsh Government to run a survey of all candidates standing at the local government elections in May 2022.


The survey was aimed at both County and Town and Community Councillors and candidates. They were asked a prescribed set of questions about their socio-demographic characteristics. This is the fourth time we have run this survey; it is repeated during each ordinary election to track changes in councillors' and candidates' characteristics over time.

The full report is available on our [website](#).

'Inform and Inspire' webinar programme

We host regular webinars as part of our recently launched 'inform and Inspire' webinar programme. There are two main themes to the programme:

 Our **Data to Inform** webinars offer a high-level introduction to various topics related to data, statistics and research.

 Our **Data to Inspire** webinars showcase innovative and inspiring work that we and/or other organisations are doing with data.

To book please visit [Tocyn Cymru](#).

For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.data.cymru/webinars>

To be one of the first to find out about our future sessions, [‘sign up’](#) to our ‘Inform and Inspire’ mailing list.

We are always looking for webinar content. If you have seen, done, or are doing something interesting, innovative and inspiring with data we’d love to hear about it – successful or otherwise.

Equally, we’d love to hear your suggestions for future data, statistics or research topics you would you like to learn more about.

For further information, please contact [Suzanne Draper](#).

Capacity building - training programme coming soon...

Are you looking to learn more about collecting and using data? Do you work with data and want to extract more value from it? Are you thinking of expanding your skills?

We have developed a suite of training that will **introduce** you to:

- Summary statistics
- Presenting data
- Survey design and analysis
- Planning and delivering focus groups.

If you’d like to discuss your requirements, then please get in contact with [Sam Sullivan](#).

NEW training courses

We have recently launched two new training courses:

Data101: an introduction to understanding and using data

This course offers practical guidance to help build skills and confidence in understanding and using data. By the end of the course you will understand:

- what data is and how to find it
- the questions you need to ask to make sure you understand data
- some basic techniques for using data.

Understanding and using performance data

This course offers practical guidance to help build skills and confidence in understanding, challenging and using data. By the end of the course, you will understand:

- what performance data is and how to find it
- what you need to consider when working with performance data
- how to use performance data.

It is recommended, but not essential, that you attend our 'Data 101: an introduction to understanding and using data' training course before this course.

Both courses have two versions: one aimed at Councillors and the other aimed at all staff. We have secured funding to provide all sessions to Councillors free of charge. Each takes around an hour and a half and can be delivered online or in-person at a time / date that suits you. Numbers are normally limited to 20.

For more information, please see our [website](#).

Communities of Practice (CoP)

As we move into the new calendar year we will be engaging with our community members to find out what they want to get out of their membership and how we the community might help with this. We will also be exploring the possibility of regular meet ups to allow colleagues to share thoughts, ideas or outputs.

We are also working with colleagues from across the public sector to establish further CoPs. For instance, we are working with Welsh Government to explore a CoP for colleagues interested in geospatial data.

If you think you could benefit from being a part of these exciting new communities, please see our [CoP webpage](#) for details on how to get involved.

If you would like any further information or have a suggestion for a CoP, please contact [Róisín Roberts](#).