

## Third Sector Statistics User Panel

Thursday 7 November 2024, 10:00 to 12:30

<b>Attendees</b>			
Lauren	Caley	LC	Shelter Cymru
Mal	Colley	MC	Tenovus Cancer Care
Angela	Endicott	AE	Welsh Government
Carys	Moseley	CM	Cytûn
Martin	Parry	MP	Welsh Government
Hade	Turkmen	HT	Oxfam Cymru
Steffan	William	SW	Cymen ( <b>Translator</b> )
Megan	Williams	MW	Welsh Government
Maddy	Young	MY	Tenovus Cancer Care
<b>Speakers</b>			
Nicole	Burchill	NB	Welsh Government
Richard	Davies	RD	Welsh Government
Steph	Howarth	SH	Welsh Government ( <b>Chair</b> )
Nia	Jones	NJ	Welsh Government
Richard	Murphy	RM	Welsh Government
Alex	Slowman	AS	Marvell Consulting
Stef	Taylor	ST	Welsh Government
Harry	Thompson	HTh	Marvell Consulting
<b>Minute Takers</b>			
Oliver	Griffiths	OG	Welsh Government
Ryan	Jones	RJ	Welsh Government
<b>Apologies</b>			
Chris	Coles	Llamau	
Amanda	Everson	Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services	
Paul	Glaze	Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services	
Fiona	Liddell	Wales Council for Voluntary Action	

1	Welcome and introductions	Actions
	<p>SH welcomed everyone and described the order of today's meeting.</p> <p>She announced that all of the presentations and papers would be uploaded online where speakers had given their permission to do so.</p> <p>SH noted that Sue Leake will be stepping back from the Third Sector Statistics User Panel, and that MP will be taking up her role as user engagement lead. SH thanked Sue for her contributions to the Third Sector Statistics User Panel over the years.</p>	
2	Actions from previous meeting	
	<p>Minutes and actions from the last meeting were discussed. All actions were complete or covered in the agenda for this meeting.</p> <p>There were no further comments.</p>	
3	Quarterly Statistics and Demography newsletters Steph Howarth (Welsh Government)	
	<p>SH drew attention to some items included in the quarterly statistics and demography newsletters, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Challenges to maintain the quality of the National Survey for Wales estimates due to declining response rates.</li> <li>- Outputs from the Annual Population Survey have now been de-designated to official statistics (from accredited official statistics) due to falling response rates, SH encouraged any users to contact the <a href="#">Labour Market statistics team</a> for further advice on using this data.</li> <li>- For post-16 education, Medr has been established and has taken on responsibility for publishing these statistics.</li> <li>- SH wanted to know if data based on the Fire and Rescue service are meeting user needs. There is a request for users to get in touch with feedback. 2023 mid-year estimates of the population were updated in July.</li> <li>- Furthermore, the ONS is looking at ways of transforming how they collect and publish statistics. SH suggested discussing this matter more in a later meeting if there was interest.</li> </ul>	<p>Action: Private rental sector data users should provide feedback to the Housing statistics team at <a href="mailto:stats.housing@gov.wales">stats.housing@gov.wales</a></p> <p>Action: people who use Fire and Rescue related data should contact the Social Justice statistics team at <a href="mailto:stats.inclusion@gov.wales">stats.inclusion@gov.wales</a> if they have any feedback.</p>
4	Wellbeing of Wales Stef Taylor (Welsh Government)	
	<p>SH described the <a href="#">Wellbeing report</a> as a large flagship report published by the Welsh Government at the end of September</p>	

	<p>which combines numerous data sets, informing users of Wales's performance in many distinct areas.</p> <p>ST introduced herself and outlined the structure of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. The Act has established national milestones, wellbeing goals and national indicators. Annually, the Welsh Government must publish a report ('The wellbeing of Wales report') on progress made towards the achievement of its wellbeing goals, referencing the indicators and the milestones. ST described the main findings from this year's report, a new method that has been used to communicate progress and gave examples of how the wellbeing report is used.</p> <p>ST suggested that everyone should think about how they can take evidence from the report and use it in their own work and asked for feedback on the report.</p> <p>HT brought up the use of the indicators and how they may benefit the Child Poverty Strategy but questioned if it would be possible for there to be a more specific breakdown of the indicators (e.g. more equality breakdowns for women, children and older people). She also pointed out that the Festival of Ideas for the Wellbeing Economy is in Swansea on the 18 November.</p>	
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>StatsWales update</b>  Alex Slowman (Marvell Consulting), Nicole Burchill and Richard Davies (Welsh Government)</p>	
	<p>AS from Marvell Consulting, joined by NB and RD from Welsh Government, shared slides on the development of the new StatsWales service for accessing open data.</p> <p>AS asked some survey questions to collect feedback from group members. AS also shared two concepts in development for the StatsWales solution and asked for views from group members. The feedback from members will be used to inform the future direction of the service.</p> <p>The slides contain a link for stakeholders to sign up and participate in user research. There are also fortnightly show and tell sessions people can attend to observe the progress on the StatsWales solution, and weekly progress reports within the slides.</p> <p>Please ask any queries or provide additional feedback on the StatsWales solution, or questions from the presentation to <a href="mailto:alex.slowman@marvell-consulting.com">alex.slowman@marvell-consulting.com</a>, <a href="mailto:nicole.burchill@gov.wales">nicole.burchill@gov.wales</a> or <a href="mailto:richard.davies3@gov.wales">richard.davies3@gov.wales</a>.</p>	
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) feedback on proposal</b>  Nia Jones and Richard Murphy (Welsh Government)</p>	

<p>NJ and RM from social justice statistics team presented slides on the development of the next iteration of WIMD, including plans to launch a user survey.</p> <p>From Monday 11 November to Monday 16 December, the user survey will be open for people to provide comments and feedback.</p> <p>Members were asked to respond to the <a href="#">user survey</a> and share with anyone within their networks who may be interested. There is also a <a href="#">report outlining the proposed indicators and changes for WIMD 2025</a>.</p> <p>The software used for the WIMD interactive tool is also no longer supported, so a replacement is being investigated. Members of the user research team are seeking participants to explore what user requirements for the system are.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> LC is interested in what data exists for housing affordability at small-area level and asked if the proposal document outlines what data is planned to be used for each indicator. NJ responded that the approach to housing affordability is proposed to follow what England is doing. There is a detailed methodology in their technical report which will be available to access from the proposal document.</p>	<p>Action: User Research Team to provide feedback on the replacement WIMD interactive analysis tool.</p>	
7	AOB	
<p>The <a href="#">UK Statistics Authority is holding a Statistics Assembly</a> to bring together statistics users, producers and regulators to identify user needs and potential data gaps within the UK statistical landscape. The Assembly will be held on 22 January, and SH encouraged people to attend.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is 14 May 2025. Please contact <a href="mailto:KASevents@gov.wales">KASevents@gov.wales</a> if there are any topics for future agendas or work to present at future meetings.</p>		

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7 November 2024 - Summary of Action Points		
1	Action: Private rental sector data users should provide feedback to the Housing statistics team at <a href="mailto:stats.housing@gov.wales">stats.housing@gov.wales</a>	All
2	Those who use Fire and Rescue related data should contact the Social Justice statistics team at <a href="mailto:stats.inclusion@gov.wales">stats.inclusion@gov.wales</a> if they have any requests/ comments.	All
3	Provide feedback on the replacement WIMD interactive analysis tool.	User research team