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Youth work in Wales, 2015-16

Youth work in Wales is delivered through the 22 local authorities and also through the voluntary sector.

This data relates to information collated by the statutory youth work sector in Wales, and is used within the Welsh Government, by local government and practitioners to monitor trends in the membership, finance and youth work staff of Youth Work.

93,400



**registered members of statutory youth
work sector provision in Wales**
(based on 21 of 22 local authorities only)

17% of 11 to 25 year olds

Compared with the previous year there have been significant decreases to youth work membership, staffing and finance due to restructuring of youth work provision across many local authorities in Wales.

- 17 per cent of the population of 11 to 25 year olds are registered members of the statutory sector youth work provision in Wales (93,400 in 21 authorities), compared with 18 per cent (102,700 on an equivalent basis).
- At March 2016, there were 655 full-time equivalent (FTE) Youth Work management and delivery staff working across local authorities in Wales, compared with 803 at March 2015.
- The total income for Youth Work provision across Wales in 2015-16 was £32.6 million. Total income decreased by £4 million (11 per cent) compared with 2014-15, whilst core budget decreased by 14 per cent.
- The total spend for Youth Work provision across Wales in 2015-16 was £32.3 million. Total spend decreased by 9 per cent compared with 2014-15.

About this release

This annual Statistical Release presents detailed information about the statutory youth work sector in Wales for 2015-16, with some comparisons with previous years

The quality of the data continues to develop, as centrally we improve the guidance and definitions used within the survey, and locally authorities providing youth work provision refine their management systems and data. The known quality issues are highlighted in the Key Quality Information section.

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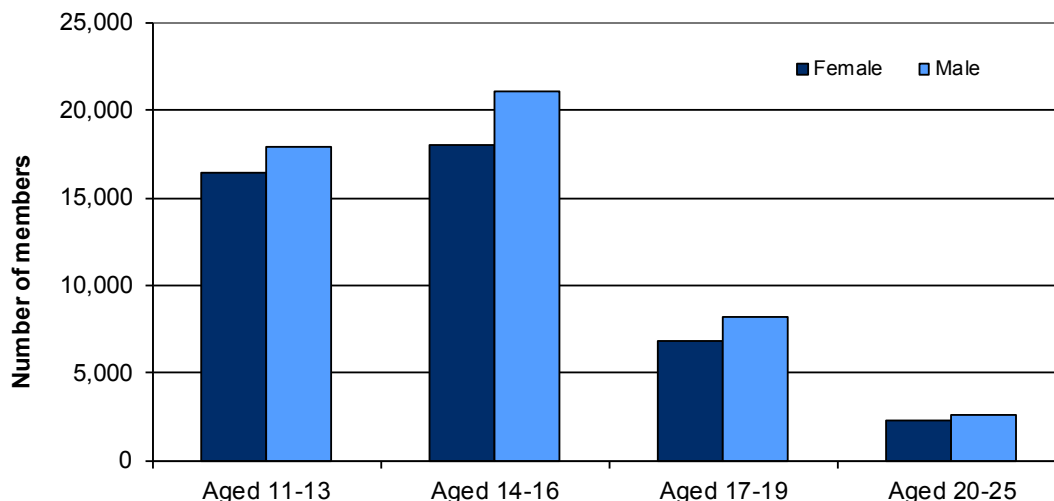
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Registered members¹ of youth work provision in Wales

21 local authorities in Wales reported that 93,381 young people were registered members of youth work provision in 2015-16, representing 17 per cent of the population of 11 to 25 year olds. This represents a decrease from 18 per cent in 2014/15 and 20 per cent in 2013/14.

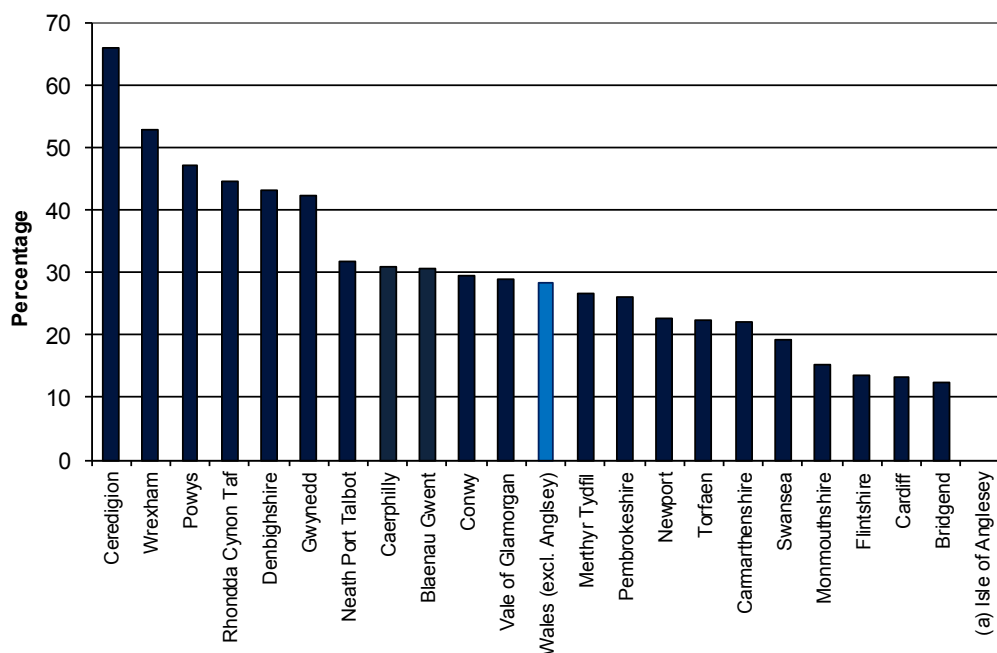
37 per cent of members were aged 11-13, 42 per cent were aged 14-16, 16 per cent were aged 17-19 and 5 per cent were aged 20-25. 53 per cent of the 93,381 were male and 47 per cent were female.

Chart 1: Registered members of youth work provision by age and gender, 2015-16 (a)



88,483 of these members were aged 11-19 years, representing 28 per cent of the 11-19 population. The proportions reported ranged from 66 per cent in Ceredigion to 12.5 per cent in Bridgend. Of the 21 local authorities with data, 7 reported an increased membership proportion compared with the previous year, and 14 a decrease. More detailed information can be found in table 1.

Chart 2: Registered members of youth work provision as a proportion of the population, aged 11-19, 2015-16 (a)



(a) Local Authority did not provide data.

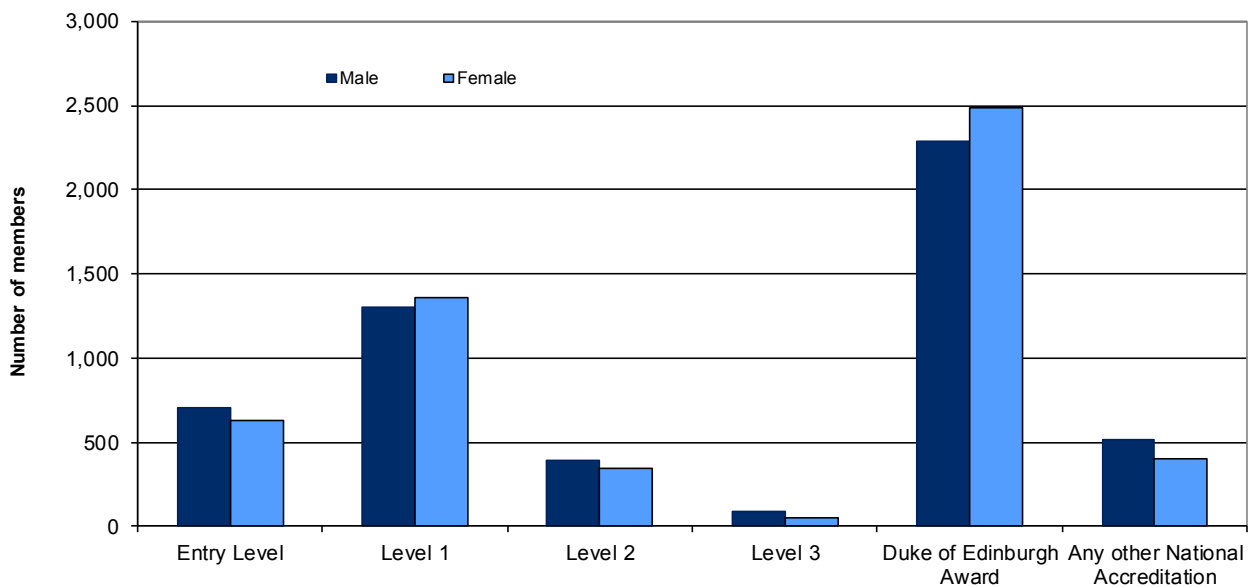
¹ Young people registered on local authority Reach systems as active during the year (i.e. those for whom a name, address and date of birth was known).

Accreditation of members

The survey collects information on individuals gaining accreditations through youth work provision differentiated between national and locally recognised accreditations.

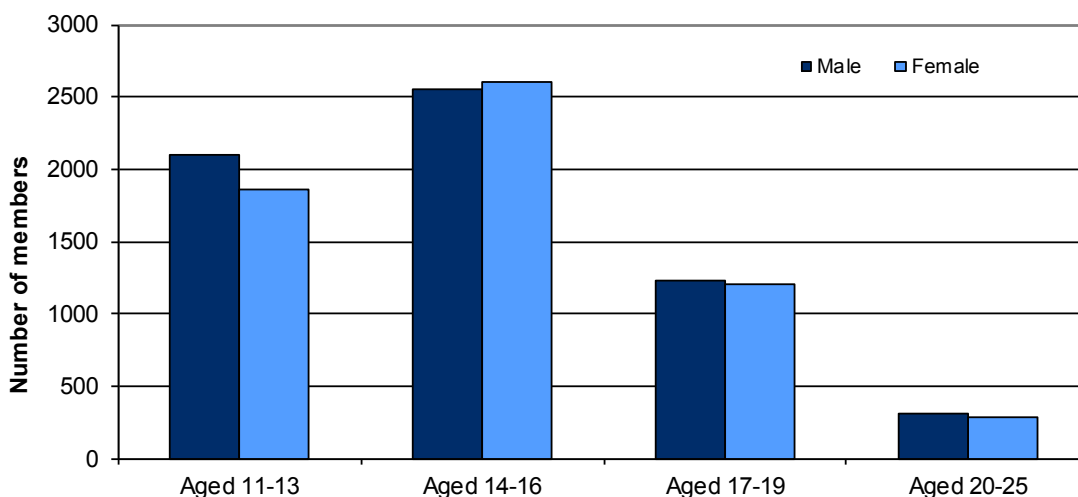
Within the 21 local authorities with membership data, there were 10,561 young people who were reported as having gained a national accreditation in 2015-16 (11 per cent of all registered members, compared with 12 per cent in the previous year). 12,158 young people (13 per cent of all registered members, compared with 17 per cent in the previous year) were reported as having gained a local accreditation. (Note that a young person can gain both national and local accreditations.)

Chart 3: Members gaining national accreditations within youth work provision by Level and Award (a)



Whilst the number of national accreditations overall fell compared to 2014-15, the number of Duke of Edinburgh Awards remained steady and accounted for 45 per cent of all National Accreditations.

Chart 4: Members gaining local accreditations within the youth work provision, by age group and gender, 2015-16 (a)



(a) One Local Authority did not provide data for 2015-16.

Most young people gaining local accreditations were aged 14-16 (42 per cent) and 11-13 (33 per cent). 20 per cent were aged 17-19 and 5 per cent aged 20-25.

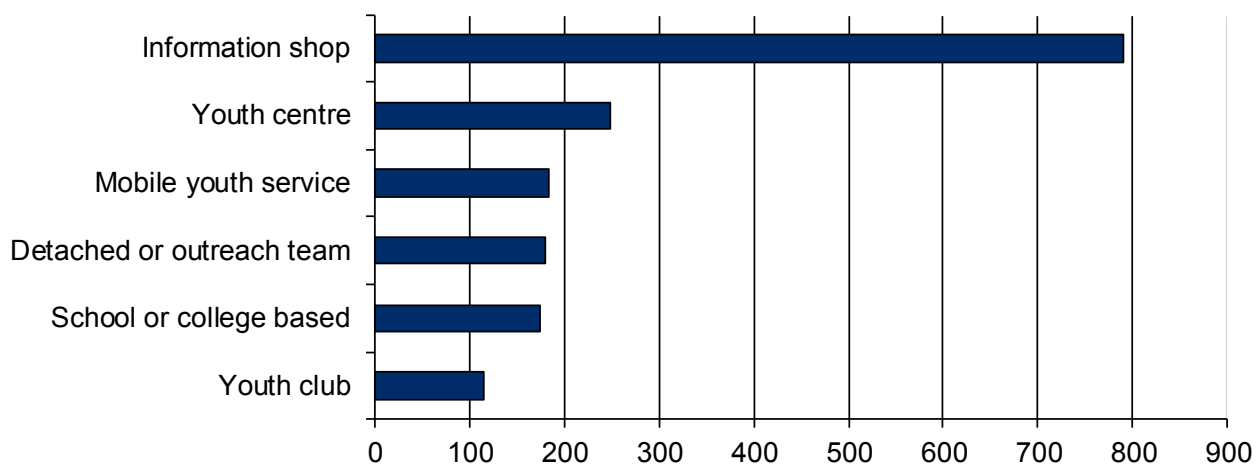
Youth work settings and projects

The survey collects information about the settings and projects for youth work provision that were running across Wales. The projects may be delivered by the local authority alone, or in partnership with other statutory or voluntary bodies.

Most numerous in terms of settings, and with the highest membership were youth clubs (370), followed by school and college projects (245) and youth centres (175), with respective total membership across Wales of 42,700, 42,500 and 43,400. There are 72 detached/outreach teams with 12,900 registered members. Note that there will be some overlap of membership, with members able to interact with each of the different settings, and for example with more than one youth club or centre.

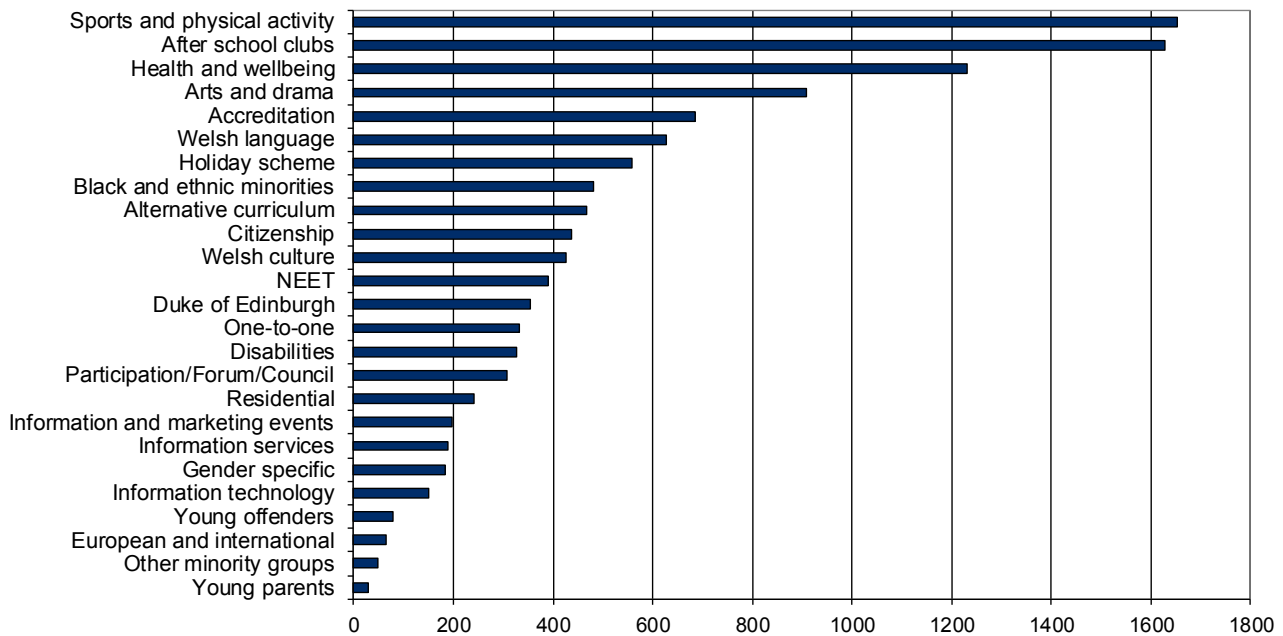
Information shops had the highest number of members per setting, with an average of 790 registered members. Youth clubs had the lowest, with an average of 115 registered members.

Chart 5: Average number of members per youth work setting, 2015-16 (a)



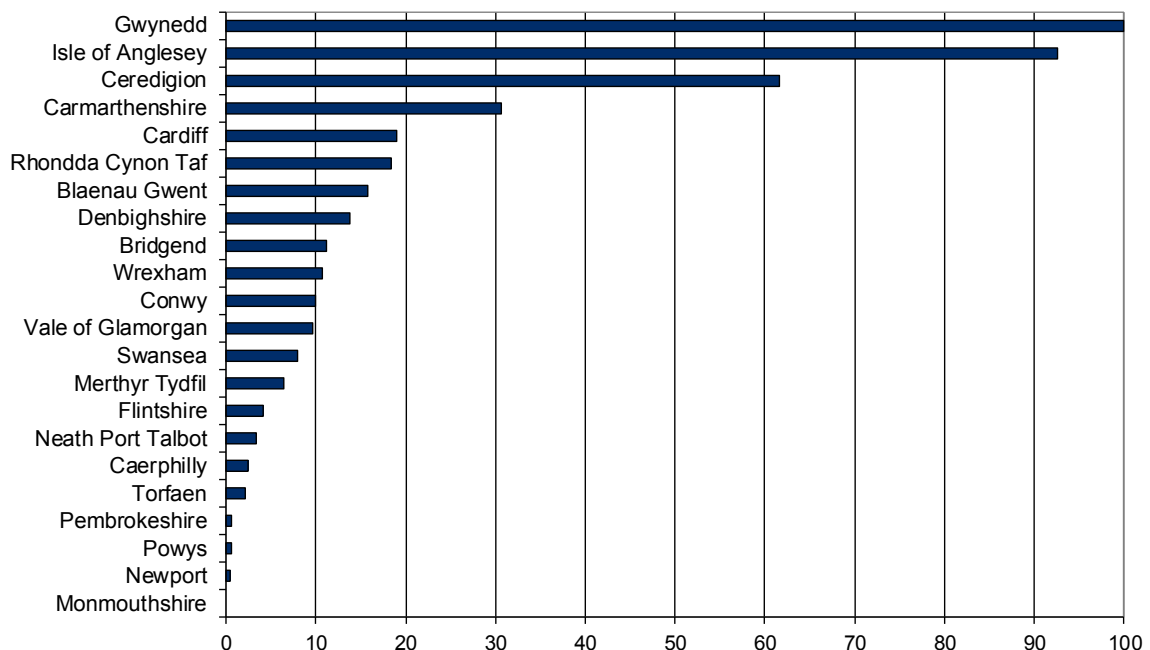
The type of individual projects was also recorded, one project maybe recorded multiple times if it was relevant to more than one type. For example the same project could be recorded within Arts and Drama, Welsh culture and Residential. Most numerous in terms of projects were Sports and Physical Activity projects with 1,653 in Wales and After School Clubs (1,629).

Chart 6: Number of youth work projects, by type of provision, 2015-16



18% of all projects were delivered entirely or mainly through the medium of Welsh in Wales. The proportion of projects delivered entirely or mainly through the Welsh language was highest in Gwynedd (100%), followed by Isle of Anglesey (93%) and Ceredigion (62%).

Chart 7: Percentage of youth work projects delivered entirely or mainly through the Welsh language, 2015-16



Contacts²

For the 21 Local Authorities that provided contacts data, there were over 1,160,000 contacts in Wales in 2015-16. The average number of contacts per member was 13.

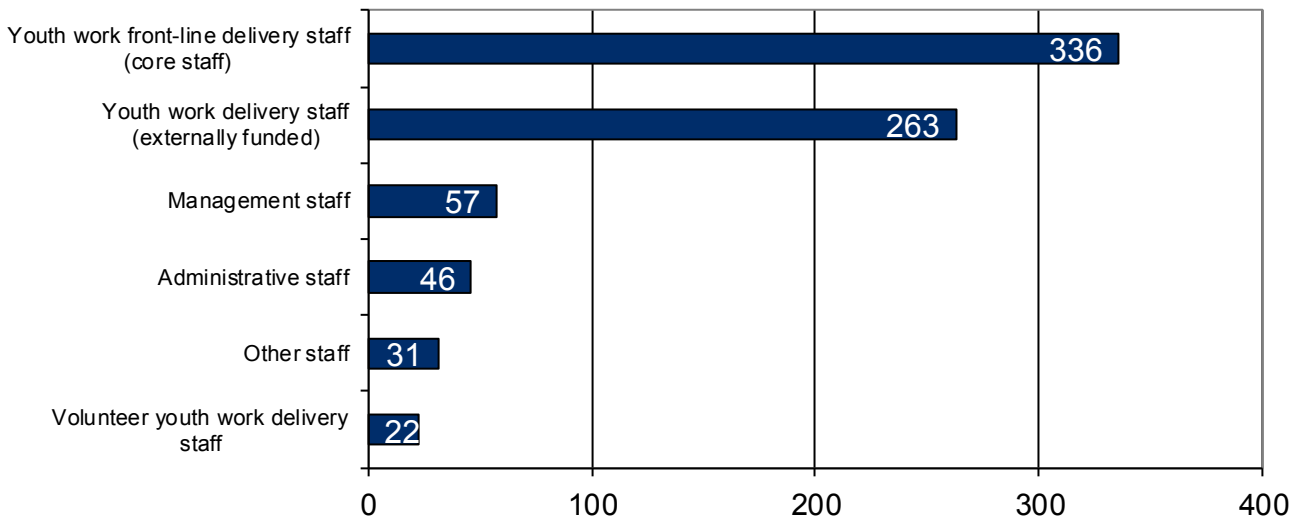
Youth work staff

At March 2016, there were 655 full-time equivalent (FTE) youth work delivery staff working across local authorities in Wales. 9 per cent (57) of these FTE posts were management staff and 91 per cent (598) were youth work front-line staff (both core and externally funded).

Compared to the previous year, there was an overall decrease of 147 FTE delivery staff (19 per cent) with similar decreases seen across management and front-line staff. Decreases were seen in 17 authorities, with 9 authorities reporting a decrease of 10 per cent or above, but with changes in Cardiff (80 FTE), Powys (17 FTE) and Neath Port Talbot (11 FTE) being a strong driver of the overall decrease.

There were a further 22 FTE volunteer youth work delivery staff (38 at March 2015), and 77 FTE administrative and other staff (90 at March 2015) giving a total of 755 FTE youth work staff in Wales at March 2016. This compares with 931 FTE staff at March 2015.

Chart 8: Number of full-time equivalent youth work staff, 2015-16

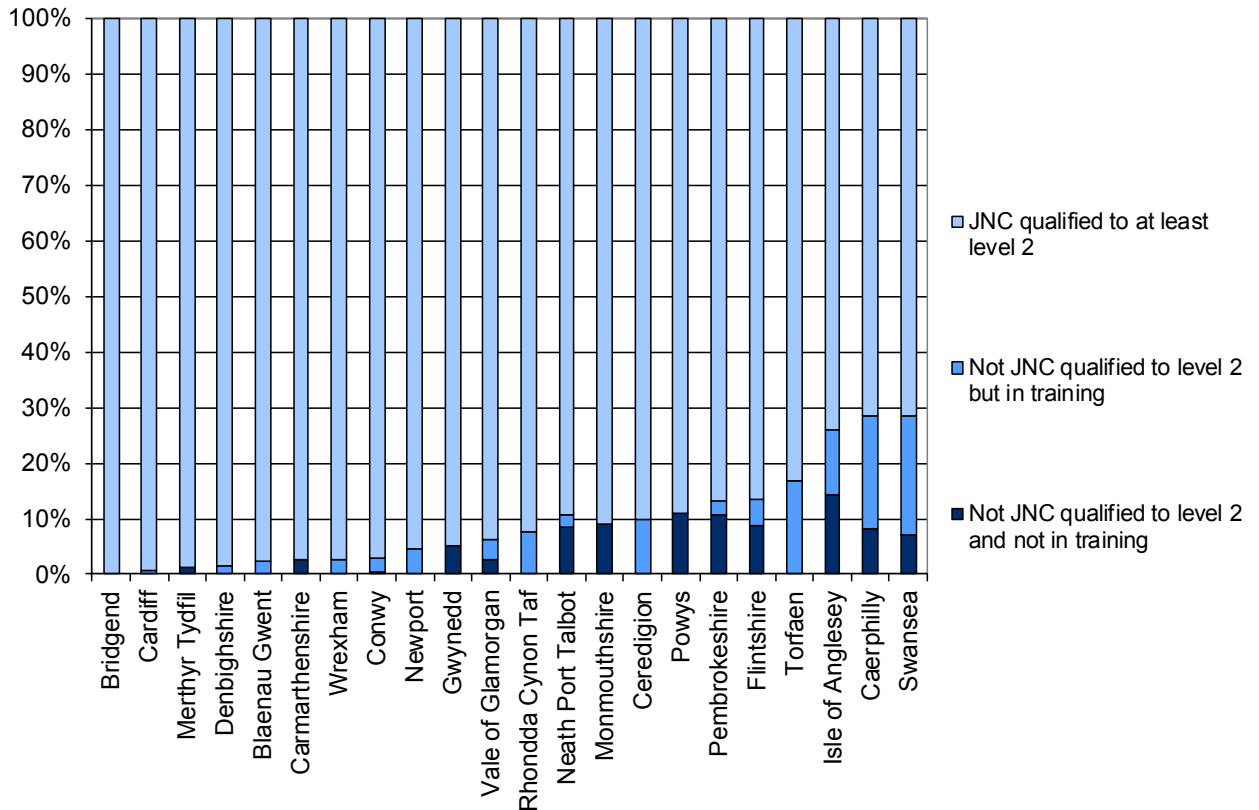


²A contact is defined as a session covering up to 3 hours, allowing for 3 sessions to take place per day (morning/afternoon/evening). One contact is an individual attendance at one session.

Qualifications

In 2015-16, 89 per cent of all youth work delivery staff held at least level 2³ Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) professional qualifications (the same as 2014-15). Of those without a level 2 or above JNC qualification, 59 per cent were in training (40 per cent in 2014-15). More detailed information can be found in Table 2.

Chart 9: Percentage of youth work delivery staff by JNC qualification, 2015-16



Staff ratios

The ratio of FTE management staff to FTE youth work delivery staff in Wales in 2015-16 was around 1:10.

On the basis of the 21 authorities that provided membership data, the ratio of registered members aged 11-25 to FTE youth work delivery staff (excluding management staff) was 161 young people per worker in 2015-16. For the 11-19 population, the ratio was 153:1. (Note that these ratios reflect the total registered membership and not attendance at sessions).

³ Degree level, diploma, NOCN3, or any other qualification from JNC level 2 upwards.

Youth work finance

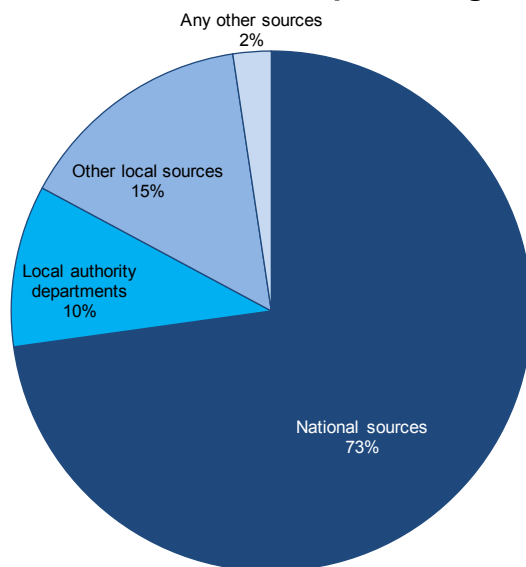
Income

The total income for youth work in 2015-16 was £32.6 million. This is a decrease of 11 per cent from the previous year, with income decreasing in all except 3 authorities (further detail in table 3).

The total of core youth work budgets in 2015-16 was £19.7 million, a decrease of 14 per cent compared with 2014-15, with a decrease taking place in all except 3 authorities. The contribution made by core youth work budgets to the total youth work income across Wales varied between authorities, ranging from 90 per cent in Conwy to 27 per cent in Carmarthenshire.

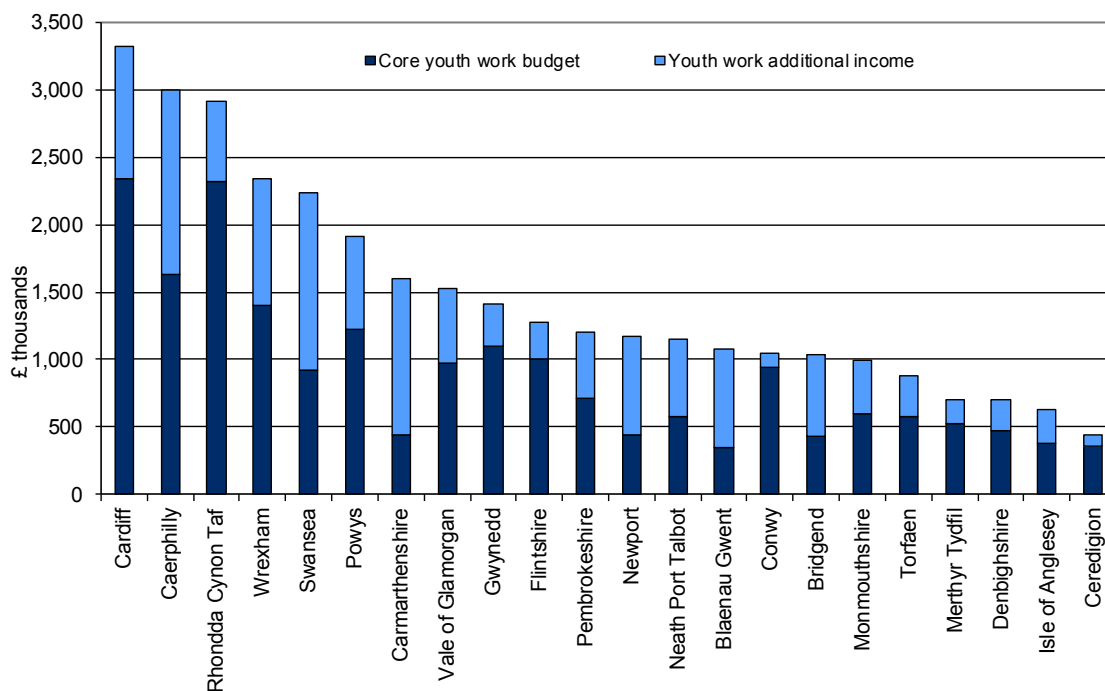
In addition to the core youth work budget, the total budget for youth work in Wales for 2015-16 included income of £12.9 million from other sources, accounting for 39 per cent of the total income (compared with £13.8 million/38 per cent in 2014-15). 'National Sources' contributed the majority (£9.4 million or 73 per cent) of these funds, £3.6 million of which was provided by Cymorth, and £0.9 million by Communities First.

Chart 10: Source of additional income as percentage of total additional income, 2015-16



The contributions of the core youth work budget and additional income from other sources in each local authority is shown in Chart 11.

Chart 11: Core youth work budget and additional income, 2015-16



Expenditure

The total spend by youth work provision in Wales in 2015-16 was £32.3 million. Compared with the previous year, there was a decrease of 9 per cent in total spend. Expenditure ranged from £0.44 million in Ceredigion, to £3.3 million in Cardiff.

The majority of spending was on employees, at 74 per cent of all expenditure. The remaining expenditure included 9 per cent on resources, 7 per cent on accommodation, 1 per cent on staff training and development and 0.2 per cent on capital expenditure.

A further 2 per cent of expenditure was grant aid from the statutory youth work sector to the voluntary sector. Including contributions from the wider local authority budget, local authorities provided £912,600 in grant aid to voluntary youth services in Wales during the year.

Spend per head of population

In 2015-16, the total spend by youth work provision per head of population aged 11-19 years was £102. The core Youth Work budget per head of population aged 11-19 years was £62. Full details can be seen in Table 4.

Table 1: Youth work members 2015-16 (a)

	11-25 year olds					11-19 year olds		
	Mid-year population estimate 2015	Number of individual members	Members as percentage of population	Members with national accreditations as percentage of total members	Members with local accreditations as percentage of total members	Mid-year population estimate 2015	Number of individual members	Members as percentage of population
Isle of Anglesey (a)	10,738	..	..	..	..	6,375	..	..
Gwynedd	25,005	5,658	23	12	15	12,583	5,321	42
Conwy	17,613	3,402	19	14	9	10,972	3,241	30
Denbighshire	15,620	4,173	27	25	58	9,444	4,093	43
Flintshire	25,924	2,135	8	16	16	15,530	2,097	14
Wrexham	23,172	7,639	33	6	5	13,519	7,170	53
Powys	20,750	6,568	32	4	4	13,105	6,186	47
Ceredigion	18,448	5,662	31	8	31	7,917	5,240	66
Pembrokeshire	20,312	3,416	17	17	4	12,405	3,243	26
Carmarthenshire	30,706	4,381	14	17	0	18,608	4,102	22
Swansea	50,599	5,287	10	6	0	25,714	4,923	19
Neath Port Talbot	23,593	4,916	21	12	11	13,920	4,437	32
Bridgend	23,966	2,192	9	10	3	14,405	1,800	12
Vale of Glamorgan	21,514	3,898	18	16	38	13,319	3,848	29
Rhondda Cynon Taf	44,235	11,021	25	4	4	24,386	10,908	45
Merthyr Tydfil	10,603	1,646	16	19	0	6,007	1,605	27
Caerphilly (r)	32,011	6,369	20	(r) 6	11	19,020	5,903	31
Blaenau Gwent	12,309	2,217	18	20	20	6,835	2,104	31
Torfaen	16,293	2,177	13	7	11	9,400	2,098	22
Monmouthshire	14,871	1,470	10	59	48	9,578	1,454	15
Newport	27,780	3,986	14	8	3	16,117	3,657	23
Cardiff	86,483	5,168	6	14	16	37,962	5,053	13
Wales (exc. Anglesey)	561,807	93,381	17	11	13	310,746	88,483	28

(a) Local Authority did not provide Youth Service members data for 2015-16.

(r) National accreditation figure for Caerphilly revised on 3/11/2016. (Correction due to administrative error).

Table 2: Percentage of Staff with and without Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) Qualifications 2015-16

	Qualified to at least JNC level 2	Not qualified to at least JNC level 2, but in training	Not qualified to at least JNC level 2, not in training
Isle of Anglesey	74	12	14
Gwynedd	95	0	5
Conwy	97	3	0
Denbighshire	98	2	0
Flintshire	86	5	9
Wrexham	97	3	0
Powys	89	0	11
Ceredigion	90	10	0
Pembrokeshire	87	3	11
Carmarthenshire	97	0	3
Swansea	64	19	6
Neath Port Talbot	92	2	9
Bridgend	100	0	0
Vale of Glamorgan	94	3	3
Rhondda Cynon Taf	92	8	0
Merthyr Tydfil	99	0	1
Caerphilly	71	20	8
Blaenau Gwent	98	2	0
Torfaen	83	17	0
Monmouthshire	91	0	9
Newport	95	5	0
Cardiff	99	1	0
Wales	89	6	4

Table 3: Core youth work budget and additional income

	Core youth work budget (£)				Additional income (£)				Total income			
	2012-13 (a)	2013-14 (a)	2014-15	2015-16	2012-13 (a)	2013-14 (a)	2014-15	2015-16	2012-13 (a)	2013-14 (a)	2014-15	2015-16
Isle of Anglesey	..	..	503,499	376,130	..	..	185,270	255,636	..	..	688,769	631,766
Gwynedd	1,306,166	1,253,786	1,168,892	1,099,036	321,879	270,848	295,989	308,362	1,628,045	1,524,634	1,464,881	1,407,398
Conwy	1,088,000	1,035,885	967,634	941,000	128,953	116,659	102,549	102,340	1,216,953	1,152,544	1,070,183	1,043,340
Denbighshire	661,325	587,169	523,183	470,221	212,330	263,597	206,380	226,809	873,655	850,766	729,563	697,030
Flintshire	1,265,461	1,128,271	1,011,166	1,009,239	572,167	542,411	251,707	268,737	1,837,628	1,670,682	1,262,873	1,277,976
Wrexham	1,311,115	1,534,636	1,369,669	1,405,237	1,756,726	1,741,874	1,110,288	934,176	3,067,841	3,276,510	2,479,957	2,339,413
Powys	1,433,589	1,346,077	1,194,879	1,224,087	456,664	838,031	783,965	691,935	1,890,253	2,184,108	1,978,844	1,916,022
Ceredigion	326,417	321,111	358,381	354,325	300,673	127,117	109,657	90,945	627,090	448,228	468,038	445,270
Pembrokeshire	911,662	948,572	927,685	711,002	452,017	499,938	485,961	495,548	1,363,679	1,448,510	1,413,646	1,206,550
Carmarthenshire	634,060	549,886	551,907	435,678	2,094,362	1,533,180	1,438,254	1,165,422	2,728,422	2,083,066	1,990,161	1,601,100
Swansea	951,300	871,650	999,700	922,532	1,203,287	1,281,598	1,167,999	1,315,182	2,154,587	2,153,248	2,167,699	2,237,714
Neath Port Talbot	787,428	1,044,126	833,643	581,246	1,007,070	693,071	791,258	573,759	1,794,498	1,737,197	1,624,901	1,155,005
Bridgend	959,240	815,050	714,142	428,092	879,948	671,965	710,302	606,276	1,839,188	1,487,015	1,424,445	1,034,368
Vale of Glamorgan	1,113,873	1,102,984	1,065,689	970,325	387,220	566,724	581,621	552,341	1,501,093	1,669,708	1,647,310	1,522,667
Rhondda Cynon Taf	2,123,767	2,190,404	2,845,473	2,324,918	3,884,534	3,238,916	901,631	588,004	6,008,301	5,429,320	3,747,104	2,912,922
Merthyr Tydfil	628,550	627,000	642,000	522,452	90,470	515,849	52,954	179,333	719,020	1,142,849	694,954	701,785
Caerphilly	1,506,742	1,942,619	1,731,689	1,626,799	1,528,413	1,092,503	1,298,314	1,372,293	3,035,155	3,035,122	3,030,003	2,999,092
Blaenau Gwent	404,890	386,230	422,432	342,367	468,401	870,539	851,749	739,567	873,291	1,256,769	1,274,181	1,081,934
Torfaen	515,726	574,595	511,667	579,281	308,220	351,369	395,127	295,299	823,946	925,964	906,794	874,580
Monmouthshire	541,000	819,299	796,000	596,000	595,000	259,374	395,092	400,484	1,136,000	1,078,673	1,191,092	996,484
Newport	835,281	714,812	629,912	442,568	1,124,930	793,980	767,332	724,701	1,960,211	1,508,792	1,397,244	1,167,269
Cardiff	3,696,684	3,450,000	3,083,857	2,344,864	933,905	711,806	868,149	974,312	4,630,589	4,161,806	3,952,006	3,319,176
Wales	..	..	22,853,099	19,707,399	..	..	13,751,548	12,861,461	..	..	36,604,648	32,568,860
Wales less Isle of Anglesey	23,002,276	23,244,162	22,349,600	19,331,269	18,707,169	16,981,350	13,566,278	12,605,825	41,709,445	40,225,511	35,915,879	31,937,094

(a) Isle of Anglesey core budget data not available for 2012-13 or 2013-14.

Table 4: Core budget and spend per head of youth population

	Core budget per youth population aged 11-25 (£ per head)				Total spend per youth population aged 11-25 (£ per head)				Core budget per youth population aged 11-19 (£ per head)				Total spend per youth population aged 11-19 (£ per head)			
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Isle of Anglesey (a)	..	..	46	35	..	..	63	59	..	..	77	59	..	..	105	99
Gwynedd	52	50	47	44	65	61	59	56	98	96	92	87	123	117	116	112
Conwy	58	56	53	53	60	61	56	57	93	90	86	86	95	98	91	91
Denbighshire	40	36	32	30	53	52	45	45	65	59	54	50	86	86	76	75
Flintshire	47	42	38	39	68	60	47	46	77	70	64	65	112	100	78	77
Wrexham	54	64	58	61	127	138	106	101	93	111	101	104	218	238	182	173
Powys	65	62	56	59	88	101	93	89	102	98	89	93	136	159	147	141
Ceredigion	17	17	19	19	33	23	24	24	35	37	44	45	68	52	57	56
Pembrokeshire	42	45	45	35	65	68	68	59	69	74	74	57	104	111	113	97
Carmarthenshire	20	17	18	14	78	64	64	52	32	29	29	23	129	106	105	86
Swansea	19	17	20	18	43	43	43	44	36	34	40	36	83	85	86	87
Neath Port Talbot	32	43	35	25	74	72	68	49	53	72	59	42	121	121	115	83
Bridgend	39	33	29	18	74	74	59	43	64	55	49	30	123	123	98	72
Vale of Glamorgan	49	50	48	45	66	75	75	71	78	79	78	73	105	120	121	114
Rhondda Cynon Taf	47	49	64	53	132	120	69	65	82	88	115	95	233	216	124	118
Merthyr Tydfil	57	58	59	49	61	115	50	59	98	100	105	87	106	202	88	103
Caerphilly	46	59	54	51	92	93	89	94	75	99	90	86	152	155	149	158
Blaenau Gwent	30	30	34	28	88	95	99	88	53	53	60	50	151	168	177	158
Torfaen	30	34	31	36	48	54	54	53	49	57	53	62	79	91	94	91
Monmouthshire	35	53	52	40	91	70	76	68	53	81	81	62	136	106	118	105
Newport	29	25	22	16	73	53	51	43	49	43	39	27	125	93	88	74
Cardiff	43	40	36	27	54	49	46	38	94	90	82	62	118	109	105	87
Wales (b)	40	41	39	34	73	71	61	56	70	72	71	62	128	126	111	102

(a) Core budget data not available for 2012-13 or 2013-14

(b) Wales average is calculated excluding Isle of Anglesey for 2012-13 and 2013-14

This Statistical Release presents detailed information about the statutory youth work sector in Wales for the year 2015-16. The Release is produced annually with the statistics used within the Welsh Government, by local government and practitioners to monitor trends in membership, finance and youth work staff in Wales. [The National Youth Work Strategy for Wales](#), was launched in February 2014, setting the direction for youth work organisations for the next 4 years. Youth work provides and facilitates an environment within which young people can relax, have fun, feel secure, supported and valued. It is intended that through non-formal and informal educational opportunities and experiences youth workers challenge young people to enhance their life chances.

Key quality information

Data are collected as part of the statutory youth work sector provision in Wales survey, carried out each year amongst the 22 local authorities in Wales during the summer. Information is collected via Excel spreadsheets which are transferred via the Afon file transfer website which provides a secure method for users to submit data.

Copies of the current [youth work data collection form and guidance](#) are available.

The spreadsheets allow respondents to validate their own data before sending to the Welsh Government. Local authorities are asked to provide explanatory comments where large changes have occurred. This helps ensure that the data received by the Welsh Government is already of a high quality. Examples of validation checks within the forms include year-on-year changes, cross checks with other relevant data tables and checks to ensure data is logically consistent, for example comparison of registered membership against population estimates.

Once data is received by Welsh Government, it goes through further validation and verification checks, for example, common sense checks, arithmetic consistency checks, cross checks against the data for the previous year and tolerance checks. Validation errors are followed up with local authorities to seek resolution, in the small number of cases we fail to get an answer within a reasonable timescale, we will use imputation if appropriate to fix the error. The method of imputation and the affected data is highlighted through this 'quality information' section.

The quality of the data collected through the statutory youth work sector provision in Wales survey continues to develop, as centrally we improve the guidance and definitions used within the survey, and local authorities providing youth work provision continue to refine their management systems and data, to ensure that all the data gathered for the audit is robust, consistent, current and accurate. Both of these issues impact upon the comparability of data from year to year.

Known data quality issues are highlighted by section below.

Prior to 2009-10, the collection and publication of statistics about Youth Work in Wales was carried out by the Local Government Data Unit ~ Wales on behalf of the Welsh [Assembly] Government. On 1st April 2010, responsibility for this work transferred to Knowledge and Analytical Services of the Welsh Government. The data have not yet been assessed as National Statistics.

Membership

From the 2010-11 survey onwards, local authorities were asked to only include young people registered on the Reach system as active during the year (i.e. those for whom a name, address and date of birth was known.) (Reach is the term used to measure the number of young people engaged in youth work provision from the youth population within a designated area/local authority.) In previous years some local authorities may have additionally included anonymous members. Given this, and improvements to some authorities recording systems, it is not appropriate to compare this data on a like for like basis with earlier years.

Membership should be a count of individual young people and not involve any double counting (through an individual attending more than one type of provision.)

Within this release: Isle of Anglesey have not provided membership data for 2015-16.

Accreditations

The 2010-11 survey, for the first time, differentiated between young people who had received nationally and locally recognised accreditations:-

Nationally recognised accreditations are those successfully completed under nationally recognised programmes that are assessed and verified, for example: Duke of Edinburgh (DofE), BELA; Agored Cymru/OCN; ASDAN; and Personal Social Development (PSD).

Locally recognised awards are those successfully completed that are not part of the national programme and are assessed locally, for example: individual modules of DofE or PSD; Mayor's Awards; In-house Certification; Children/Youth University and John Muir Award.

Note that an individual may receive nationally and locally recognised accreditations and as such the data from 2010-11 onwards are not comparable with previous years, which was a count of all those with any accreditation.

Prior to 2012-13 information on accreditations was collected by broad age group. For the 2012-13 survey onwards local accreditations continue to be collected on this basis, but national accreditations are now collected by level or award.

Projects

Prior to 2010-11 there is thought to have been inconsistent interpretations in the recording of projects by local authorities, whereby some authorities may have counted one project within a number of project types, where as others have limited to including each project into one or two project types. From the 2010-11 survey, the location or setting of projects (youth club etc.) has been separated from the type of provision (holiday scheme, Welsh language). Again, this change in the method of collection means that a direct comparison should not be made with previous years.

Note that the count of settings is not the total of projects, as there may be several projects running at each setting. Similarly, the type of project information cannot be summed to give a total number of projects, as the same project can be multiple counted.

From 2013-14, information on the medium of delivery of projects has been collected (although only included in release from 2014-15), with local authorities identifying projects delivered mainly or entirely (70% or above) through the medium of Welsh.

Workforce

From the 2010-11 survey onwards the definition of Management staff has been clarified to be those with less than 10 per cent face-to-face contact with young people. There was also a change in definition from

“Youth work delivery staff – core and Youth work delivery staff – external” to

“Youth work front line staff – core and Youth work staff – externally funded”

This has affected comparability of data with earlier years.

Finance

Improved definitions and validation processes have been applied to the collection of finance information for 2010-11 onwards, resulting in some discontinuity between that data and finance data for prior years.

Within this release, Isle of Anglesey did not supply finance data for 2013-14 and 2012-13. We have not been able to include an estimate for 2013-14 and 2012-13 and therefore data are only in respect of 21 of the 22 authorities for these years.

Previous year's releases included information related to the Local Government Revenue Settlement Grant (RSG) Indicator Based Assessment (IBA) for youth services from the "[Green book](#)". The "Green book" shows individual local authority Standard Spending Assessments (SSAs) broken down into service categories (including a category for youth services). However, the breakdown is solely for the purpose of calculating the total SSA, and the service IBAs shown are not intended for use in determining individual authorities' budgeted expenditure on particular services or as a spending target. Therefore a comparison between core youth work budget and the IBA for youth services is not relevant, and is no longer included.

Other data sources

The release includes population estimate data for 2012 to 2015 from Office for National Statistics Mid-Year Population Estimates by local authority and age, as available at October 2016.

Well-being of Future Generations Act (WFG)

The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. The Act puts in place seven well-being goals for Wales. These are for a more equal, prosperous, resilient, healthier and globally responsible Wales, with cohesive communities and a vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language. Under section (10)(1) of the Act, the Welsh Ministers must (a) publish indicators (“national indicators”) that must be applied for the purpose of measuring progress towards the achievement of the Well-being goals, and (b) lay a copy of the national indicators before the National Assembly. The 46 national indicators were laid in March 2016.

Information on indicators and associated technical information - [How do you measure a nation's progress? - National Indicators](#)

Further information on the [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#).

The statistics included in this release could also provide supporting narrative to the national indicators and be used by public services boards in relation to their local well-being assessments and local well-being plans.

Further details

The document is available at: <http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/youth-services/?lang=en>, with supporting [Statswales data](#).

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We want your feedback

We welcome any feedback on any aspect of these statistics which can be provided by email to post16ed.stats@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

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