

Welsh Assembly Government

Consultation Document

Local Area Summary Statistics

Date of issue: **18 May 2011**

Action required: Responses by **09 August 2011**

Overview The Welsh Government are seeking views from users on the Local Area Summary Statistics.

How to respond The closing date for replies is 9th August 2011. You can reply in any of the following ways:-

By email

Complete the electronic version of the questionnaire and email to:-

economic.stats@wales.gsi.gov.uk

By post

Return your completed questionnaire to:-

Ben Crudge
Performance Measurement and Finance Statistics
Statistical Directorate
Welsh Government
Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ

Further information and related documents Large print, Braille and alternate language versions of this document are available on request.

Contact details For further information please contact Ben Crudge on 029 2082 5701 or Geraint Turner on 029 2082 5044.

Email: economic.stats@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Data protection

How the views and information you give us will be used

Any response you send us will be seen in full by Welsh Government staff dealing with the issues which this consultation is about. It may also be seen by other Welsh Government staff to help them plan future consultations.

The Welsh Government intends to publish a summary of the responses to this document. We may also publish responses in full. Normally, the name and address (or part of the address) of the person or organisation who sent the response are published with the response. This helps to show that the consultation was carried out properly. If you do not want your name or address published, please tell us this in writing when you send your response. We will then blank them out.

Names or addresses we blank out might still get published later, though we do not think this would happen very often. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 allow the public to ask to see information held by many public bodies, including the Welsh Government. This includes information which has not been published. However, the law also allows us to withhold information in some circumstances. If anyone asks to see information we have withheld, we will have to decide whether to release it or not. If someone has asked for their name and address not to be published, that is an important fact we would take into account. However, there might sometimes be important reasons why we would have to reveal someone's name and address, even though they have asked for them not to be published. We would get in touch with the person and ask their views before we finally decided to reveal the information.

Foreword

The Local Area Summary Statistics were published for the first time on Tuesday 11 May 2010. They are updated as newer information becomes available to ensure that, as far as possible, they contain the most recent data.

The Local Area Summary Statistics can be found here:
<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/publications/localarea>

There are 22 documents providing statistical overviews of each unitary authority area. They bring together a range of existing data, including statistics on health, the economy, education and other areas of interest. Additionally, there is a Microsoft Excel file that contains all the raw data.

The statistics were initially collated for use within the Welsh Government and bring together a number of high level contextual metrics that are already in the public domain. However, as we are aware of other interested users outside the Welsh Government we published them in the interests of efficiency and to maximise their use.

The documents themselves are not classified as National Statistics, but most of the data have been drawn from National Statistics sources.

To ensure that we are fulfilling the needs of our users, the purpose of this consultation is to seek feedback on the usefulness and usability of the Local Area Summary Statistics that we currently produce. We are seeking views on how the output can be improved and if there are any gaps in what we provide. This is in line with the Official Statistics Code of Practice which states that effective user engagement is fundamental both to trust in statistics and securing maximum public value.

We will publish a summary of consultation responses in late 2011, with details of actions we will take in light of those responses to follow. This will be available through
www.wales.gov.uk/consultations/statistics/