

Data Unit update - WSLC October 2016

2015-16 local authority performance data published

We recently published the 2015-16 Public Accountability Measures (PAMs) data. The data can be found in InfoBaseCymru (www.infobasecymru.net), alongside the National Strategic Indicators (NSI) data. The data can also be accessed via our interactive 'MyLocalCouncil' tool (www.mylocalcouncil.info), which allows the public, councillors, officers and partners to easily compare councils' performance across Wales and over time.

To coincide with the publication of the data, we published our eleventh annual bulletin on local authority performance. The [report](#), which paints a picture of local authority performance across a range of local authority services, shows that local authority performance continues to improve.

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National performance data 2016-17 and onwards

The Welsh Government recently published a written statement confirming the revocation of the Local Government (Performance Indicators) (Wales) Order 2012. As such, 2015-16 will be the final year of collection of the former National Strategic Indicators (NSIs) by Welsh Government. In order to ensure minimal disruption for local authorities, many of whom will have included these indicators in their improvement plans for the current financial year, the WLGA has agreed that local authorities will continue to collect them alongside the Public Accountability Measures (PAMs) for 2016-17.

A WLGA task and finish group is currently undertaking a review of the performance improvement framework for local government, with the expectation that any changes will be introduced from April 2017.

For more information, please contact Suzanne Draper (Suzanne.Draper@dataunitwales.gov.uk).

Older People's Care Homes market analysis

We are currently undertaking a market analysis of the Care Home Sector on behalf of the National Integrated Commissioning Board. The purpose of the exercise is to enable health boards and local authorities to plan more effectively and work towards matching demand for these services with supply. This will also help to facilitate choice of accommodation for those individuals whose outcomes, in terms of care and support, will be more effectively responded to with a care home placement.

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Evaluation of the allocation method of the Early Years Pupil Deprivation Grant in Wales

We were commissioned by Welsh Government to review the existing Early Years Pupil Deprivation Grant (EYPDG) allocation mechanism and make recommendations as to whether the current approach could be practicably improved.

In undertaking the review we considered the:

- suitability of the current method for allocating the grant;
- examined the approach adopted in other countries for funding this type of support and considered their suitability in the Welsh context; and
- considered some potential alternative approaches in detail, including providing a picture of what the allocation might look like; and
- sought the views of local authorities and learning settings.

The report is available on our website <http://www.dataunitwales.gov.uk/evaluation-of-the-allocation-method-of-the-EYPDG-in-wales-report-now-available>

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Data support for the population assessments

We were commissioned to provide the data listed in the Social Services Improvement Agency (SSIA) Population Assessment Toolkit, in tables, charts and maps for use directly in the assessment process to the majority of health board regions in Wales. This work is currently drawing to a close. In addition to supporting the development of a common approach across Wales, this has reduced the duplication of data gathering and enabled resources locally to focus on the analysis and 'so what' questions.

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Production of local assessments of well-being

We are working with a number of Public Services Boards across Wales to support the production of the local assessments of well-being required by the Well Being of Future Generation's Act. Further to the production and release of the common data set in May, we have been supporting the collation, analysis and presentation of data.

If you would like more information, or would like to discuss how the Data Unit can offer further support, please get in touch with Chris Perkins (Chris.Perkins@dataunitwales.gov.uk).