

Analysis and Research Bulletin

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Welcome to the Local Government Association (LGA) Analysis and Research Bulletin which also incorporates the Employment Digest.

This comprehensive monthly publication keeps you informed about key issues and developments in research impacting on local government.

The bulletin brings together the work of the LGA and also features relevant publications from the wider research community. The information in this bulletin is grouped under themed areas. This publication is produced by LGA Research and Information and we provide high quality analysis and research across all aspects of local government.

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New research and statistics

Employment, pay and workforce:

LGA Statistical Alert

The January 2019 Statistical Alert produced by LGA Research and Information shows Consumer Price Index including owner occupiers housing costs (CPIH) fell to 2.0 per cent in December 2018 from 2.2 per cent in November 2018. Retail Price Index (RPI) annual inflation decreased to 2.7 per cent in December 2018 from 3.2 per cent in November 2018.

The number of people in employment in Great Britain was 31,690,000 for the three months to November 2018; this has increased by 139,000 compared to the previous quarter to August 2018, from 31,551,000. Unemployment in Great Britain for the same periods was 1,342,000 for the quarter to November 2018, an increase of 17,000 from 1,325,000 in the previous quarter to August 2018.

Figures provided by XpertHR, an online resource for employment law HR good practice and benchmarking, showed the median whole economy pay settlement level of 2.0 per cent to the three months ending November 2018, unchanged from the three months ending October 2018.

Results from the Labour Research Department (LRD) survey provided by XpertHR showed the median level of union-negotiated awards for the whole economy was 3.5 per cent in the three months ending December 2018 unchanged from the previous three months ending November 2018.

The Engineering Employers Federation mean (EEF, manufacturing) was 2.6 per cent in the three months ending December 2018, unchanged from the three months ending November 2018.

For more information visit: <https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/research/statistical-alert>

Farm structure survey 2016: Agricultural labour in England and the UK

This Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) report provides an analyses of farm labour data for England and the UK, collated through the EU Farm Structure Survey 2016:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/771494/FSS2013-labour-statsnotice-17jan19.pdf

UK labour market statistics: September to November 2018

These Office for National Statistics (ONS) statistics provide information on employment, unemployment, economic inactivity, average earnings, vacancies and labour disputes statistics in the UK between September and November 2018:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/uklabourmarket/january2019>

Labour market economic commentary: September to November 2018, UK

This ONS article provides additional economic analysis of the latest UK labour market headline statistics and long-term trends in the UK between September and November 2018:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/articles/labourmarketeconomiccommentary/january2019>

Regional labour market statistics in the UK: September to November 2018

These ONS statistics provide information on employment, unemployment, inactivity, jobs and the Claimant Count for regions, local authorities and parliamentary constituencies in the UK between September and November 2018:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/bulletins/regionallabourmarket/january2019>

Police workforce, England and Wales: 30 September 2018

These Home Office statistics provide information on police workforce numbers in the 43 police forces in England and Wales and the British Transport Police as at 30 September 2018:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/police-workforce-england-and-wales-30-september-2018>

NHS workforce statistics: October 2018

These NHS Digital statistics provide high-level NHS Hospital and Community Health Service (HCHS) Workforce information on a monthly basis for Hospital Doctors and Non-Medical Staff:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/nhs-workforce-statistics/october-2018/content>

NHS sickness absence rates – July to September 2018, England

These NHS Digital statistics provide information on NHS sickness absence rates by region, organisation and main staff groups between July and September 2018 in England:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/nhs-sickness-absence-rates/september-2018-provisional-statistics/content>

How can policy support more employment progression at work?

As part of their continuing work on designing and delivering local industrial strategies, the What Works Centre for Economic Growth have published two new toolkits looking at two policies designed to support people to progress in their work – by increasing their wages and productivity, or sustaining their employment.

https://whatworksgrowth.org/toolkits/?utm_source=What+Works+Centre+for+Local+Economic+Growth+Newsletter&utm_campaign=0d81b322ce-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_01_21_12_05&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_20db6f6dab-0d81b322ce90328257

Transport

Road conditions in England: 2007/8 to 2017/18

These Department for Transport (DfT) statistics provide information on road conditions for local authority roads and Highways England managed roads in England between 2007/8 to 2017/18:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/road-condition-statistics-data-tables-rdc#condition-of-local-authority-managed-roads-rdc01>

Education and young people:

Higher Education student statistics: UK, 2017/18

These Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) statistics provide details of student enrolments and qualifications obtained by higher education (HE) students at HE providers in the UK for the academic year 2017/18: <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/news/17-01-2019/sb252-higher-education-student-statistics>

Revised GCSE and equivalent results in England: 2016 to 2017

This Department for Education (DfE) publication provides revised statistics on the achievements of young people at the end of Key Stage 4 in England, including attainment by pupil characteristics:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/676596/SFR01_2018.pdf

School and college performance tables in England: Academic Year 2017 to 2018

These DfE statistics provide information on the attainment of 16 to 18 year-old students at the end of advanced level study in England for the 2017/18 academic year: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/>

The impact of selective secondary education on progression to higher education - England

This report from The Higher Education Policy Institute (HEPI) considers the impact of grammar schools in England, on progression to higher education, focusing particularly on progression to highly-selective education and to Oxbridge: <https://www.hepi.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/HEPI-Occasional-Paper-19-as-published-Screen.pdf>

Mapping research into child sexual abuse

This Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) research shares insights into the current research on child sexual abuse. This report analyses a survey of 163 research projects:

<https://www.csacentre.org.uk/knowledge-practice/csa-connect-community/mapping-research-into-csa-eng/>

Health and social care:

Improve analytical capability in health and care services

The Health Foundation has launched the third round of its Advancing Applied Analytics programme. They are looking to support analysts who are working on local innovative and ambitious projects that can demonstrate how they will improve analytical capability in support of health and care services.

The Health Foundation have £750,000 of funding to support up to 12 good quality projects across the UK that:

- are led by a local/regional NHS or social care provider or commissioning organisation including local authorities, though partnerships with other groups and sectors are welcome
- could benefit from funding of up to a maximum of £75,000 per project
- start no later than September 2019 for a maximum duration of 15 months.

For this round they are particularly interested in:

1. Projects that help senior managers and clinicians understand the value of better analytics.
2. Projects that demonstrate a clear path from the initial project to longer-term and sustainable change beyond the life of the individual project.

The deadline for applications is noon, Tuesday 26 February 2019.

For more information visit: https://www.health.org.uk/funding-and-partnerships/programmes/advancing-applied-analytics?dm_i=4Y2%2C62P0N%2CNAJAI%2CNUFBT%2C1

Community Life Survey 2017-18 - England

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) Community Life Survey takes place annually to track trends and developments in areas that encourage social action and empower communities in England:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/734726/Community_Life_Survey_2017-18_statistical_bulletin.pdf

Ways of integrating care that better coordinate services may benefit patients

This National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Signal review highlights the complexity of implementing and assessing new models of care:

https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/content/signal-000693/integrating-care-to-coordinate-services-better-may-benefit-patients?utm_source=NIHR+Dissemination+Centre+mailing+list&utm_campaign=9168cefb9a-RSS_social_care&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_286155606c-9168cefb9a-167873737

Oral health survey of five year old children 2017 - England

This Public Health England (PHE) report provides the results of the National Dental Epidemiology Programme for England's biennial survey, which took place in the 23016/17 academic year.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/768368/NDEP_for_England_OH_Survey_5yr_2017_Report.pdf

Mental health services statistics, England – final October 2018 statistics and provisional November 2018 statistics.

These NHS Digital statistics provide the most timely statistics available relating to NHS funded secondary mental health, learning disabilities and autism services in England: <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/mental-health-services-monthly-statistics/final-october-provisional-november-2018/content>

How is the NHS performing? - December 2018 quarterly monitoring report

The King's Fund published its first quarterly monitoring report in April 2011 as part of their work to track, analyse and comment on the changes and challenges the health and care system is facing. This is the 27th report and aims to take stock of what has happened since May 2018, including the recently announced funding offer for the NHS:

https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/how-nhs-performing-december-2018?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=10143430_NEWSL_The%20Weekly%20Update%202018-12-21&utm_content=decemberqmrbutton&dm_i=21A8,61EPY,FLXETU,NOOLJ,1

Focus on loneliness: 2017-18, England

This DCMS report expands upon the 2017-18 Community Life Survey statistical release and provides additional demographic breakdowns and looks at estimated levels of loneliness against other key survey measures:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/771482/Community_Life_Survey_Focus_on_Loneliness_201718.pdf

Substance misuse among adults and young people in secure settings in England: financial year ending March 2018

This Public Health England (PHE) report presents key results from the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) on the number of adult and young people in contact with drug and alcohol specialist treatment providers within secure settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/substance-misuse-treatment-in-secure-settings-2017-to-2018/alcohol-and-drug-treatment-in-secure-settings-statistics-summary-2017-to-2018>

National Diet and Nutrition Survey (NDNS): Years 1 to 9 of the rolling programme for 2008 to 2009 up to 2016 to 2017 - UK

This PHE report provides time trend and income analyses of food consumption, nutrient intake and nutritional status data for adults and children from 1.5 years in the UK for trends over time and equivalised household income. Consumption of food groups and seasonal differences in blood levels of vitamin D are also presented:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/772434/NDNS_UK_Y1-9_report.pdf

Local Government

Metrics added to LG Inform this month include:

House Price Statistics for Small Areas - Quarter 2 2018

In quarter two, 2018 there were 819,411 residential property sales in England, this compares to 847,304 for the corresponding quarter in 2017. For the same periods the median price paid for all residential sales in England increased from £ 229,950 in quarter 1 2017 to £ 235,995 in quarter two, 2018.

Available Geographies: England – County - District - Region – Unitary

https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=5215&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllRegions_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup

A level and other 16 to 18 results: 2017 to 2018

The percentage of students achieving grades AAB or better at A level in England in 2017/18 was 18.2 per cent, a decrease from 18.3 per cent in 2016/17.

Available Geographies: England – County - Region – Unitary

https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=9558&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllRegions_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup

Development Control statistics – Quarter two 2018/19

The number of county matter planning applications received in quarter two 2018/19 in England was 271 a decrease of 24 from 295 in quarter two 2017/18. This is the number received (i.e. a decision notice has been issued) in the period.

Available Geographies: England – County – Unitary – National Park

https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=545&mod-area=E92000001&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup&mod-group=AllMetropolitanBoroughLainCountry_England

Evaluation of sector-led improvement

The LGA is in the process of evaluating its 2016-2020 improvement programme and has published the interim results. The [findings](#) confirm the effectiveness of the approach. Sector buy-in is strong, all councils took up one or more offers in 17/18 and since 2011 councils have contributed more than 17,000 days of senior councillor and officer time to peer challenges – this represents a considerable investment by the sector in its own improvement. Moreover 96 per cent of leaders and 95 per cent of chief executives say support from the LGA has had a positive impact on their authority.

NESTA Innovate to save case studies

Innovate to Save was launched in 2017 and took eight projects through research and development to test their ideas for improving public services and generating cashable savings. These case studies aim to show what can be achieved: https://www.nesta.org.uk/feature/innovate-save-case-studies/?utm_source=Nesta+Weekly+Newsletter&utm_campaign=157f666a10-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_01_14_01_52&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d17364114d-157f666a10-180876133

Economy

UK overseas trade in goods statistics: November 2018

This HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) publication provides details of EU and Non-EU import and export data for November 2018: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/uk-overseas-trade-in-goods-statistics-november-2018-import-and-export-data>

UK trade: November 2018

These ONS statistics provide the total value of UK imports and exports of goods together with indices of volume and price, including an early monthly estimate of the value of trade in services as at November 2018:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/balanceofpayments/bulletins/uktrade/november2018>

Retail sales in Great Britain: October to December 2018

These ONS statistics provide a first estimate of retail sales, including quantity bought, store prices, average spend and internet sales, seasonally and non-seasonally adjusted in Great Britain between October and December 2018:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade/retailindustry/bulletins/retailsales/december2018>

Family spending in the UK: financial year ending 2018

This ONS report provides an insight into the spending habits of UK households, broken down by household characteristics and types of spending:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/personalandhouseholdfinances/expenditure/bulletins/familyspendingintheuk/financialyearending2017>

Public sector finances, UK: December 2018

A presentational framework for the headline measures of Public Sector Finance Statistics (net borrowing, net cash requirement and net debt) is explained in this release. This includes the reasons for changes in net borrowing (deficit) and debt:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/governmentpublicsectorandtaxes/publicsectorfinance/bulletins/publicsectorfinances/december2018>

Construction output in Great Britain: November 2018

These ONS statistics provide short-term measures of output by the construction industry in Great Britain in November 2018 and contracts awarded for new construction work in the UK:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade/constructionindustry/bulletins/constructionoutputingreatbritain/november2018>

Housing

Local authority housing statistics: year ending March 2017

These Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) statistics provide information on social housing that is owned and managed by local authorities in England for the year ending March 2017:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/674337/Local_Authority_Housing_Statistics_England_year_ending_March_2017.pdf

House building; new build dwellings, England: July - September Quarter 2018

These MHCLG house building statistics provide information on new build dwellings, starts and completions by tenure between July and September 2018 in England:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/770923/House_Building_Release_Sep_2018.pdf

Private rental growth measures, a UK comparison: October to December 2018

These ONS statistics compare growth in the Index of private housing rental prices with other measures of private rental growth in the UK between October and December 2018:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/articles/comparingmeasuresofprivaterentalgrowthintheuk/octobertodecember2018>

UK House Price Index: November 2018

These HM Land Registry statistics provide information on monthly house price inflation in the UK, calculated using data from HM Land Registry, Registers of Scotland and Land and Property Services Northern Ireland.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-house-price-index-england-november-2018/uk-house-price-index-england-november-2018>

Crime

Crime in England and Wales: year ending September 2018

These ONS statistics provide information on crime against households and adults, also including data on crime experienced by children, and crimes against businesses and society in England and Wales for the year ending September 2018:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/crimeinenglandandwalesyearendingseptember2018>

Crime outcomes in England and Wales, year to September 2018: data tables

These ONS statistics provide information on outcomes assigned to offences recorded to September 2018 in England and Wales and the total number of outcomes recorded, by outcome type and offence type: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/crime-outcomes-in-england-and-wales-year-to-september-2018-data-tables>

Youth justice statistics: 2016 to 2017 – England and Wales

These Ministry of Justice (MoJ) statistics provide details of young people (aged 10-17) in the Youth Justice system in England and Wales, the offences they committed, the outcomes they received, their demographics and trends over time:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/676072/youth_justice_statistics_2016-17.pdf

Proven reoffending statistics: January to March 2017, England and Wales

These MoJ statistics provide information on reoffending offenders who were released from custody, received a non-custodial conviction, or a caution between January and March 2017 in England and Wales:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/676431/proven-reoffending-bulletin-jan16-mar16.pdf

Regular publications and events:

Local Area Research and Intelligence Association (LARIA) annual conference 2019: 'Better Together! Research and Intelligence in collaboration'

Tuesday 14 & Wednesday 15 May 2019

Conference Aston, Aston University, Birmingham

This event is for local area researchers, analysts and intelligence officers working in local areas who want to continue their professional development. LARIA are looking for keynote speakers and workshops.

The conference aims to equip delegates with ideas, tools and techniques for influencing decision-makers and helping them to deliver improved outcomes based on robust data, evidence and research.

The focus is on collaboration and LARIA would like to hear from local area researchers, analysts, academic researchers and policy-makers about collaborative work they are doing to provide evidence or influence service delivery.

Visit the [conference website](#) to book your place, early bird rates apply until **Friday 15 February 2019**

Social Research Association (SRA) training courses

Full details of all SRA courses (including their Programme for 2019) can be seen at www.the-sra.org.uk/training

For questions please email Lindsay.adams@the-sra.org.uk or telephone 0207 998 0304

BASPCAN have planned several events for the forthcoming 12 months:

Community Approaches to Preventing Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Exploitation - Issues, Challenges and Opportunities

1 March 2019 - Edinburgh Quaker Meeting Room, Edinburgh

<https://www.baspcan.org.uk/event/community-approaches-preventing-safeguarding-children-child-sexual-abuse-exploitation-issues-challenges-opportunities/>

Witchcraft and Ritual Related Abuse of Children

6 March 2019 - De Vere Colmore Gate, Birmingham

This workshop will increase awareness and heighten skills for collaborative responses to this issue; working together to navigate cross-cultural tensions in identifying and preventing neglect and harm to children.

<https://www.baspcan.org.uk/event/implications-witchcraft-related-beliefs-practices-uk-based-child-protection/>

The Child's World: Effective Assessment Practice in Challenging Times

18 March 2019 – CVS, Priory Street, York

Sponsored by Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

A conference and collaborative event with BASPCAN and Jessica Kingsley Publishers to launch the publication of the book 'The Child's World: Good Assessment Practice' in late 2018.

<https://www.baspcan.org.uk/event/childs-world-good-assessment-practice/>

Social Research Association (SRA) - Social Research Practice journal

The fourth issue of the SRA's free e-journal is now available:

<http://the-sra.org.uk/journal-social-research-practice/>

University of Bristol – policy newsletter

This policy newsletter from the University of Bristol includes the latest policy research briefings and information on how their research relates to current affairs and legislation:

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/policybristol/communications/>

Project Oracle children and youth evidence hub

Project Oracle is a children and youth evidence hub. The latest newsletter provides a round-up of Project Oracle news, and headlines from across the sector. To receive the regular Project Oracle newsletter visit: <http://project-oracle.com/login/register/>

The Rees Centre newsletter

The Rees Centre publish a newsletter every two months giving an update on their fostering related research activities and events along with a book review and a section on young voices:

<http://reescentre.education.ox.ac.uk/about-us/2018/01/>

Local Digital Coalition newsletter

The Local Digital Coalition helps the local public sector unlock the benefits of collaborative digital service transformation. In this newsletter, find out about a series of events on the forthcoming General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the next LocalGov Digital London Peer Group meeting, and about the first Data & Insight Authority Forum Summit. To register for the newsletter visit:

<https://www.localdigitalcoalition.uk/>

House of Lords Library Current Affairs Digest (CAD)

The CAD provides a digest of articles from the Library's journal subscriptions, blogs and magazines, plus speeches and think tanks: <http://lordsdigest.digiminster.com/>

Child Welfare Inequalities Project (CWIP) news

The CWIP at Coventry University studies the links between deprivation and children's chances of being unable to live safely within their birth families and also aims to establish child welfare inequalities as a core concept in policy making, practice and research:

<http://www.coventry.ac.uk/research/research-directories/current-projects/2014/child-welfare-inequality-uk/latest-news/>

Centre for Evaluation newsletter

The Centre for Evaluation develops interventions, systems and strategies to improve public health using rigorous evaluation methods. Their latest newsletter is now available:

<http://evaluation.lshtm.ac.uk/newsletter-archive/>

The Centre for youth impact newsletter

The Centre for Youth Impact is a community of organisations that work together to progress thinking and practice around impact measurement in youth work and services for young people. Their latest newsletter is now available:

<https://us16.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=ee9a9e8ff13d58c48dd46f202&id=1575e2807b>

Youth Justice E- bulletin

The Association of Panel Members (AOPM) is the professional association for up to 6,000 volunteers supporting young offenders in the community. Their latest bulletin is now available:

<http://www.aopm.co.uk/index.php?page=newsletter-access>

Weekly Nesta newsletter

This weekly newsletter from Nesta provides information on latest publications, events and funding opportunities: <http://www.nesta.org.uk/news>

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) society now

This regular magazine, provides the latest social science research for key opinion formers in business, government and the voluntary sector: <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/news-events-and-publications/publications/magazines-and-newsletters/society-now-magazine/>

Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) news alert

EEF news alerts provide information about teaching and learning toolkits, project evaluation reports, grant funding rounds and news and events:

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/index.php?/news/>

Early Intervention Foundation (EiF) newsletter

This regular newsletter from the EiF brings together research, evidence and implementation guidance to champion effective early intervention for children and young people:

<http://us4.campaign-archive1.com/?u=c50045dae15bca50ed86d8908&id=79cd2f3c21&e=f2724c3bf8>

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