

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 December 2019 Statistical Alert produced by LGA Research and Information shows Consumer Price Index including owner occupiers housing costs (CPIH) remained at 1.5 per cent in November 2019 unchanged from October 2019. Retail Price Index (RPI) annual inflation increased to 2.2 per cent in November 2019 from 2.1 per cent in October 2019.

The number of people in employment in Great Britain was 31,924,000 for the three months to October 2019; this has increased by 17,000 compared to the previous quarter to July 2019, from 31,907,000. Unemployment in Great Britain for the same periods was 1,260,000 for the quarter to October 2019, a decrease of 8,000 from 1,268,000 in the previous quarter to July 2019.

Figures provided by XpertHR, an online resource for employment law HR good practice and benchmarking, showed the median whole economy pay settlement level of 2.8 per cent to the three months ending November 2019, unchanged from October 2019.

Results from the Labour Research Department (LRD) survey provided by XpertHR showed the median level of union-negotiated awards for the whole economy was 2.8 per cent for the three months ending November 2019, a rise from 2.7 per cent in October 2019.

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

Public sector employment, UK: September 2019

These Office for National Statistics (ONS) data provide the official measure of people employed in the UK public sector in September 2019. They include private sector estimates, based on the difference between total UK employment and public sector employment:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/publicsectorpersonnel/bulletins/publicsectoremployment/september2019>

Regional labour market statistics, UK: December 2019

These ONS statistics provide regional, local authority and parliamentary constituency breakdowns of changes in UK employment, unemployment, economic inactivity and other employment-related statistics for December 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/regionallabourmarketstatisticsintheukdecember2019>

Labour market economic commentary: December 2019

This ONS release provides additional economic analysis of the latest UK labour market headline statistics and long-term trends for December 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/labourmarketeconomiccommentarydecember2019>

Job quality in city regions across the UK: 2018

These ONS experimental statistics provide analysis on the percentage of good jobs in city regions across the UK as at 2018, broken down by demographic indicators, occupation and industry:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/goodjobsincityregionsacrosstheuk2018>

Transport

Quarterly bus statistics: July to September 2019, Great Britain

These Department for Transport (DfT) statistics provide information on local bus passenger journeys and fares in Great Britain between July and September 2019:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/35948/bus-q3-2012.pdf

Passenger and freight rail performance: July to September 2019, Great Britain

These DfT statistics provide information on passenger and freight rail performance in Great Britain between 1 July to 30 September 2019: <https://dataportal.orr.gov.uk/>

Provisional road traffic estimates, Great Britain: October 2018 to September 2019

These DfT statistics provide provisional estimates for road traffic in Great Britain for the twelve month period ending September 2019, by vehicle type and road class:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/852708/provisional-road-traffic-estimates-gb-october-2018-to-september-2019.pdf

Annual rail statistics compendium- Great Britain, 2018 to 2019

This Office of Rail and Road (ORR) publication contains a summary of the statistical releases published by ORR for 2018-19 and includes information on passenger journeys, train cancellations and fare increases in Great Britain between 2018 and 2019:

<https://dataportal.orr.gov.uk/media/1634/rail-statistics-compendium-2018-19.pdf>

Annual bus statistics- Great Britain 2018 to 2019

This DfT publication provides local bus statistics in Great Britain for the year ending March 2019:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/852652/annual-bus-statistics-2019.pdf

Education and young people:

Childcare and early years survey of parents in England: 2019

These Department for Education (DfE) statistics provide findings from the January to August 2019 survey of parents on childcare and early years:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/853358/CEYSP_2019_Report.pdf

Children looked after in England including adoption 2018 to 2019

These DfE statistics provide information on looked-after children at both national and local authority levels for the 2018 to 2019 financial year in England:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/850306/Children_looked_after_in_England_2019_Text.pdf

Widening participation in Higher Education: 2017 to 2018, England

These DfE annual statistics provide information on young peoples' participation in higher education, including their background characteristics, for the 2017 to 2018 academic year in England:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/852633/WP2019-MainText.pdf

Local authority and school expenditure: 2018 to 2019 financial year - England

These DfE statistics provide information on how schools and local authorities spent their funding on education, children's services and social care in England in the 2018/19 financial year:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/851566/LA_and_school_expenditure_2018-19_Text.pdf

A school's guide to implementation

This Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) report is an updated and expanded version of the guidance report, 'A School's Guide to Implementation':

https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/tools/guidance-reports/a-schools-guide-to-implementation?mc_cid=c660cd4e2b&mc_eid=585984090c

Further education pathways

This Education Policy Institute (EPI) report considers the role that further education pathways play in preparing young people for life after education: https://epi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/FE-pathways_EPI_Health-Foundation_.pdf

Environment:

Local authority collected waste management for England, 2018/19 financial year

These Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) statistics provide final annual results for local authority collected waste generation and management for England for the 2018/19 financial year:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/849167/201819_LA_collected_waste_mgt_annual_Stats_Notice_FINAL_Accessible_v4.pdf

Health and social care:

Public Health Intervention Responsive Studies Teams (PHIRST)

The Public Health Research (PHR) Programme wants to support the co-production of responsive research with a focus on issues of real importance to local government. The research outputs will help inform the delivery and implementation of public health interventions intended to improve the health of the public and reduce inequalities in health.

The PHR Programme will contribute to this ambition through the commissioning of two Public Health Intervention Responsive Studies Teams (PHIRST). The purpose of this call for expressions of interest is to identify two teams of academics that will undertake responsive research with a focus on local government across the UK. The teams will be commissioned by the PHR Programme for an initial three year contract

So if you have close links with academics or your local higher education institution (HEI) please let them know of this exciting opportunity. In order to apply the [specification document](#) provides further information.

The expression of interest should be no longer than three A4 sides and emailed to phr@nihr.ac.uk by **1pm, 28 January 2020** and guidance on what to include in the expression of interest is within the specification document. For more information visit: <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/public-health-intervention-responsive-studies-teams-phirst/23129>

Social Work Healthcheck

The LGA is working with Research in Practice, the University of Bedfordshire and What Works for Children's Social Care to create a social worker Health Check 2.0, for children's and adults' social workers. This diagnostic tool improves the health of workforce teams within councils. Engagement starts in the new year for launch in spring 2020. Contact wwccsc@nesta.org.uk or ask@rip.org.uk for information.

Children's social care budgets

A new report from the LGA considers the challenges facing children's social care budgets. The report draws on a survey of lead members for children's services who shared their reflections on three key areas: social care budgets for children and young people; children looked after and child protection pressures; and budget confidence. The findings of research shed light on the heightened financial pressures on child's social care that are coinciding with large increases in demand for support:

<https://www.local.gov.uk/childrens-social-care-budgets>

The impact of poverty on child mental health

National children's charity Buttle UK surveyed frontline support workers to find out about their current experiences of working with children in poverty. Feedback illustrates the extent of some of the challenges that families are currently facing: <https://www.buttleuk.org/research/the-impact-of-poverty-on-child-mental-health>

Health state life expectancies, UK: 2016 to 2018

These ONS statistics provide information on the variations in the self-assess general health and activity limitation among local areas in the UK between 2016 to 2018:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/healthandlifeexpectancies/bulletins/healthstatelifeexpectanciesuk/2016to2018>

Safeguarding adults England April 2018 to March 2019

This NHS Digital report provides the key findings from the Safeguarding Adults Return (SAR) data collection for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019. The report presents information about adults at risk for whom safeguarding referrals were opened during the reporting period, and case details for safeguarding referrals which concluded during this period: <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/safeguarding-adults/annual-report-2018-19-england>

Leading for integrated care

This report from The King's Fund builds on the 2015 report on 'The practice of system leadership', and includes interviews with 16 people who lead or chair an Integrated Care System (ICS) or Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP). It explores the progress, challenges and opportunities this new way of working presents to those tasked with taking it forward. It also highlights system leader views on legislative change and how this might support progress:

https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/leading-integrated-care?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11104049_MKPUB_leadership%20in%20ics%202019-11-27&utm_content=btn%20below%20text&dm_i=21A8,6LZXT,FLXETU,QBD54,1

Falling short: the NHS workforce challenge - England

This Health Foundation report analyses the changes in the size and composition of the NHS workforce in England in the context of long-term trends, policy priorities and future projected need:

https://www.health.org.uk/sites/default/files/upload/publications/2019/S05_Falling%20short_The%20NHS%20workforce%20challenge.pdf?dm_i=10XE,6NCFS,LWBZQI,QHMR5,1

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Dissemination Centre have produced their latest social care signals:

- A less healthy lifestyle increases the risk of dementia: https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/content/signal-000847/a-less-healthy-lifestyle-increases-the-risk-of-dementia?utm_source=NIHR+Dissemination+Centre+mailing+list&utm_campaign=001e4ce752-RSS_social_care&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_286155606c-001e4ce752-167873737
- Adults who are more active live longer: https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/content/signal-000846/adults-who-are-more-active-live-longer?utm_source=NIHR+Dissemination+Centre+mailing+list&utm_campaign=5c836a83b2-RSS_All_Signals&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_286155606c-5c836a83b2-167877489

Local Government

Predictive analytics: call for interest

Predictive analytics and related data science approaches are increasingly being used by councils, from working out which boilers in council houses may fail first, to helping judge levels of risk for children's safeguarding. The LGA is beginning a new project to help local authorities share learning about these new technologies and to work through key strategic questions. [Sign up here](#) to be involved no later than the 14 January 2020.

Metrics added to LG Inform this month include:

Revenue Outturn – 2018 to 2019, England

The total expenditure for all services in England in 2018 to 2019 was £122,793,699,000, an increase from £120,732,583,000 in 2017 to 2018 - This is total revenue expenditure and includes employee costs and running expenses.

Available Geographies: Country – County – District – London borough – Metropolitan District - Region – Unitary

https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=204&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllRegions_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup

NHS Digital: Recorded dementia diagnoses – November 2019, England

The number of recorded cases of formally diagnosed dementia for people aged 65 or older in England in November 2019 was 444,676, a decrease from 448,534 in November 2018.

Available Geographies: Country – County – District – London borough – Metropolitan District - Region – Unitary

https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=11098&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllMetropolitanBoroughLalnCountry_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup

Municipal Waste Management Statistics – 2018 to 2019, England

The number of kilograms of residual collected household waste per household in England for 2018 to 2019 was 537.2kg a decrease from 543.6kg in 2017 to 2018. Residual waste is any collected household waste that is not sent for reuse, recycling or composting. This was previously reported as NI 191.

Available Geographies: Country – County – District – London borough – Metropolitan District - Region – Unitary

https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=45&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllMetropolitanBoroughLalnCountry_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup

New LGA Quarterly Workforce HR Benchmarking Club – 2018 to 2019 – results

Many thanks to all who participated in the 2018 to 2019 collection of data. The results reflect what local authorities provided in Q1 2019 to 2020 and are available on LG Inform - you are required to be registered/logged in to [access the report](#). For queries contact roopal.shah@local.gov.uk.

LG Inform

[LG Inform](#) is LGA's tool to help you access up-to-date data about your local area. Developed as part of LGA's sector-led improvement offer, reports and data-sets are continually updated to reflect what you say would be most helpful to your council. LGA have collated the work completed over the past [year](#) into one place, to help you see the latest offer and site-improvements.

Age of the algorithm

This report from Nesta offers guiding principles on how to make the most of AI tools in the public sector: https://media.nesta.org.uk/documents/Decision-making_in_the_age_of_the_algorithm.pdf

Economy

UK trade: July to October 2019

These ONS statistics provide information on the total value of UK exports and imports of goods and services by current price, chained volume measures and implied deflators in the three months to October 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/balanceofpayments/bulletins/uktrade/october2019>

UK regional trade in goods statistics: third quarter 2019

These HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) statistics provide details of international trade in goods data at summary product and country level, by UK regions and devolved administrations in the third quarter of 2019:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/849982/RTS_Q3_2019.pdf

UK overseas trade in goods statistics: October 2019

This HMRC publication provides details of the overseas trade in goods statistics (OTS) of the UK in October 2019. They are a detailed dataset covering the UK trade in goods at country and product level providing both aggregated and detailed data for over 9,000 commodities and 250 partner countries:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/uk-overseas-trade-in-goods-statistics-october-2019-import-and-export-data>

Retail sales, Great Britain: November 2019

These ONS statistics provide a first estimate of retail sales in volume and value terms, seasonally and non-seasonally adjusted in Great Britain for November 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/retailsalesgreatbritainnovember2019>

Quarterly economic commentary: July to September 2019, UK

This ONS economic commentary provides information for the latest quarterly national accounts, prices and labour market indicators in the UK between July and September 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/quarterlyeconomiccommentaryjulytoseptember2019>

Consumer trends, UK: July to September 2019

These ONS statistics provide details of household final consumption expenditure (HFCE) for the UK between July and September 2019, as a measure of economic growth. They include all spending on goods and services by members of UK households:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/consumertrendssukjulytoseptember2019>

Housing:

Housing statistics 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2019

These Homes England statistics provide information on the housing starts on site and housing completions delivered by Homes England between 1 April 2019 and 30 September 2019:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/84978/6/Housing_Statistics_December_2019.pdf

Social housing sales in England: April 2018 to March 2019

These Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) statistics provide information on the number of sales of existing social housing stock in England for April 2018 to March 2019:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/85039/9/Social_Housing_Sales_Statistics_2018-19.pdf

Statutory homelessness in England: April to June 2019

These MHCLG Experimental statistics provide information on statutory homelessness in England between April and June 2019:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/85295/3/Statutory_Homelessness_Statistical_Release_Apr-Jun_2019.pdf

Crime

Criminal court statistics quarterly: July to September 2019 – England and Wales

These Ministry of Justice (MoJ) statistics provide information on the type and volume of cases received and processed through the criminal court system of England and Wales between July and September 2019, including statistics on case timeliness. Statistics also include information on the use of language interpreter and translation services in courts and tribunals:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/85193/2/ccsq-bulletin-q3-2019.pdf

Seizures of drugs in England and Wales, financial year ending 2019

These Home Office statistics provide figures for seizures of drugs in England and Wales made by local police forces and the UK Border Force for the 2018/19 financial year:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/850404/seizures-drugs-mar2019-hosb3119.pdf

Police use of force statistics, England and Wales: April 2018 to March 2019

These Home Office statistics provide information on incidents where police officers use force; including type of force, reason, outcome, injuries, and subject information (such as age, gender). They cover England and Wales, April 2018 to March 2019:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/853204/police-use-of-force-apr2018-mar2019-hosb3319.pdf

Regular publications and events:

Early Intervention Foundation (EIF) national conference 2020

28 April 2020, at etc.venues, County Hall, Riverside Building, Belvedere Road, Lambeth, SE1 7PB, London

EIF's major national conference brings together people and voices from across the early intervention sector and all levels of government, commissioning and delivery for a day of learning and knowledge sharing: <https://www.eif.org.uk/event/national-conference-2020>

Social Research Association (SRA) training courses

The SRA has a full range of research training courses taking place in Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh and London in 2020. They include qualitative, quantitative, evaluation and other research skills training courses.

Please visit the [website](#)

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

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://www.education.ox.ac.uk/rees-centre/publications-resources/newsletters/>

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.lshhtm.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/>

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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