

# 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 March 2019 Statistical Alert produced by LGA Research and Information shows the Consumer Price Index including owner occupiers housing costs (CPIH) remained at 1.8 per cent in February 2019, unchanged from January 2019. Retail Price Index (RPI) annual inflation stayed at 2.5 per cent in February 2019 unchanged from January 2019.

The number of people in employment in Great Britain was 31,856,000 for the three months to January 2019; this has increased by 203,000 compared to the previous quarter to October 2018, from 31,653,000. Unemployment in Great Britain for the same periods was 1,307,000 for the quarter to January 2019, a decrease of 35,000 from 1,342,000 in the previous quarter to October 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 2.5 per cent to the three months ending February 2019, a reduction from 2.8 per cent in January 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 February 2019, unchanged from the same figure in January 2019.

The Make UK (formerly Engineering Employers Federation) mean for manufacturing was 2.5 per cent in the three months ending February 2019 and remained at 2.5 per cent in the three months ending February 2019.

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

#### NHS workforce statistics December 2018 - England

These NHS Digital statistics provide high-level NHS Hospital and Community Health Services (HCHS) Workforce information for hospital doctors and non-medical staff as at December 2018 in England:

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

### **Rural earnings statistics: 2009 to 2018 - England**

These Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) statistics provide details of workplace and residence based earnings for rural and urban areas in England between 2009 and 2018: [https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rural-earnings?utm\\_source=c02cb8fe-c277-4560-b550-a5f5a62d952c&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily#history](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rural-earnings?utm_source=c02cb8fe-c277-4560-b550-a5f5a62d952c&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily#history)

### **Public sector employment: December 2018 - UK**

These Office for National Statistics (ONS) data provide an official measure of people employed in the UK public sector, including private sector estimates, based on the difference between total UK employment and public sector employment as at December 2018: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/publicsectoremploymentukdecember2018>

### **UK labour market statistics: November 2018 to January 2019**

This ONS release includes details of employment, unemployment, economic inactivity, claimant count, average earnings, vacancies and labour disputes statistics between November 2018 and January 2019: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/uklabourmarketstatisticsmarch2019>

### **Labour market economic commentary: March 2019 - UK**

This ONS publication provides economic analysis of the latest UK labour market headline statistics and long-term trends for March 2019: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/labourmarketeconomiccommentarymarch2019>

## **Transport**

### **Public attitudes towards train services: 2018 - Great Britain**

This Department for Transport (DfT) report provides information on public attitudes towards rail services, including infrequent and non-users from the February 2018 Opinions and Lifestyle survey: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/public-attitudes-towards-train-services-2018>

### **Quarterly bus statistics: October to December 2018 - Great Britain**

These DfT statistics provide information on local bus passenger journeys and fares in Great Britain for the period October to December 2018: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/quarterly-bus-statistics-october-to-december-2018>

### **Road congestion and travel times statistics information – England**

This DfT guide provides information on road congestion and travel time statistics, their source documents, notes and definitions plus supporting technical documents: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/782192/background-quality-report.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/782192/background-quality-report.pdf)

# Education and young people:

## **Higher Education (HE) staff data: 2017 to 2018 Academic Year - UK**

This Department for Education (DfE) and Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) research provides details of staff employed at HE providers in the UK for the Academic Year 2017 to 2018:

<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/data-and-analysis/staff/working-in-he>

## **Early years providers cost study: March to July 2018 - England**

This DfE research considers the costs and funding of early education and childcare in England between March and July 2018:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/782471/Frontier\\_-\\_Childcare\\_Cost\\_Study.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/782471/Frontier_-_Childcare_Cost_Study.pdf)

## **Online adult learning: rapid evidence assessment**

This DfE rapid evidence assessment provides an insight into international examples of online learning initiatives for adult learners with intermediate skills:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/782232/Online\\_adult\\_learning\\_international\\_review.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/782232/Online_adult_learning_international_review.pdf)

## **Omnibus survey of pupils and their parents or carers: research report wave five - England**

This DfE report provides findings from research on pupils and their parents or carers in England and includes details of parental involvement in pupils' learning, mental health and wellbeing and plans for the future:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/786040/survey\\_of\\_pupils\\_and\\_their\\_parents\\_or\\_carers-wave\\_5.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/786040/survey_of_pupils_and_their_parents_or_carers-wave_5.pdf)

## **Running rural primary schools efficiently: England**

This DfE report presents the findings of a research project which examined how to run small rural primary schools in England efficiently:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/785501/Running\\_rural\\_primary\\_schools\\_efficiently.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/785501/Running_rural_primary_schools_efficiently.pdf)

## **Pupil absence in schools in England: 2017 to 2018 Academic Year**

This DfE report provides information on pupil absence in primary and secondary schools in the 2017/18 Academic Year in England:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/787463/Absence\\_3term\\_201718\\_Text.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/787463/Absence_3term_201718_Text.pdf)

## **Moving on up - England**

This report produced for the National Network for the Education of Care Leavers (NNECL) is the first study to provide an overall picture of care leavers in HE. It explored the educational pathways of all young people in England who were 16 in 2008, tracking whether or not they entered HE by 2015:

<http://www.nnecl.org/resources/moving-on-up-report?topic=guides-and-toolkits>

## **Post-16 institutions and providers omnibus: wave six survey - England**

This DfE report provides a summary of responses to questions asked in the post-16 institutions and providers omnibus survey:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/783438/Post-16\\_institutions\\_omnibus\\_Wave\\_6\\_findings.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/783438/Post-16_institutions_omnibus_Wave_6_findings.pdf)

## **School capacity: academic year 2017 to 2018**

These DfE statistics provide information on school places, unfilled school places, pupils over capacity, pupil number forecasts and place planning in England for the 2017/18 academic year:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/789595/School\\_Capacity\\_2018\\_Commentary\\_v3.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/789595/School_Capacity_2018_Commentary_v3.pdf)

## **Skipping school: invisible children**

This report from the Children's Commissioner examines what happens to children who are 'off-rolled' into home education by schools because they do not 'fit in':

[https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/cco-skipping-school-invisible-children-feb-2019.pdf?dm\\_i=10XE,66TXV,LWBZQI,OD83F,1](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/cco-skipping-school-invisible-children-feb-2019.pdf?dm_i=10XE,66TXV,LWBZQI,OD83F,1)

## **Improving secondary science**

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has produced a series of practical, evidence-based recommendations—that are relevant to all pupils, but particularly to those struggling with science:

[https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/tools/guidance-reports/improving-secondary-science?mc\\_cid=0329fec179&mc\\_eid=0c012336de](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/tools/guidance-reports/improving-secondary-science?mc_cid=0329fec179&mc_eid=0c012336de)

## **EEF promising projects**

Promising Projects are those EEF - funded projects which have shown initial promise when trialled. Two more have recently been designated:

- [Tutor Trust - Affordable Tutoring](#): this trial found pupils who received its tutoring made +3 months' additional progress in maths at Key Stage two.
- [Embedding Formative Assessment](#): this trial found pupils who received it made +2 additional months' progress in their Attainment eight GCSE scores.

## **Evaluation reports of EEF trials:**

EEF have recently published four new independent evaluation reports of EEF-funded projects:

- Teensleep: aiming to improve pupil outcomes by improving the quality of their sleep. [Read more.](#)
- Grammar for Writing: a programme of CPD and materials for primary teachers to improve pupils' writing by increasing their effective use of grammar. [Read more.](#)
- Catch Up® Numeracy: a one-to-one intervention for Key Stage 1 learners who are struggling with numeracy. [Read more.](#)
- Catch Up® Literacy: a one-to-one intervention for struggling Key Stage 2 readers. [Read more](#)

## **Not in education, employment or training (NEET) statistics annual brief: as at 31 August 2018 - England**

These DfE statistics provide estimates from the Labour Force Survey of young people who were NEET in England as at 31 August 2018:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/781544/NEET\\_statistics\\_annual\\_brief\\_2018\\_statistical\\_commentary.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/781544/NEET_statistics_annual_brief_2018_statistical_commentary.pdf)

## **Environment:**

### **Rural population and migration statistics: 2011 to 2017 - England**

These Defra statistics provide information on population and migration for rural areas in England between 2011 and 2017: [https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rural-population-and-](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rural-population-and-migration?utm_source=b7071daf-80b9-47bd-aa42-deb65f45ca00&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

[migration?utm\\_source=b7071daf-80b9-47bd-aa42-deb65f45ca00&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rural-population-and-migration?utm_source=b7071daf-80b9-47bd-aa42-deb65f45ca00&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

### **Statistical digest of rural England - March 2019**

This Defra publication provides a compendium of rural statistics on a wide range of social and economic government policy areas. The latest update includes rural analysis on broadband speeds and provision:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/787699/03\\_Statistical\\_Digest\\_of\\_Rural\\_England\\_2019\\_March\\_edition.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/787699/03_Statistical_Digest_of_Rural_England_2019_March_edition.pdf)

### **UK greenhouse gas emissions: 2018 provisional figures**

These Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) statistics provide provisional estimates of UK greenhouse gas emissions based on provisional inland energy consumption statistics, which are published in the quarterly energy trends statistical publication for 2018:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/790086/2018-provisional-emissions-statistics-one-page-summary.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/790086/2018-provisional-emissions-statistics-one-page-summary.pdf)

## **Health and social care:**

### **Brexit the implications for health and social care**

This article from The King's Fund highlights how Brexit has major implications for health and social care in England and explores the key issues for the health and care system:

[https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/articles/brexit-implications-health-social-care?utm\\_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=10308384\\_NEWSL\\_The%20Weekly%20Update\\_2019-02-22&utm\\_content=brexit\\_explainer\\_button&dm\\_i=21A8,64Y00,FLXETU,O4KYP,1](https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/articles/brexit-implications-health-social-care?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=10308384_NEWSL_The%20Weekly%20Update_2019-02-22&utm_content=brexit_explainer_button&dm_i=21A8,64Y00,FLXETU,O4KYP,1)

### **Living longer: caring in later working life**

This Office for National Statistics (ONS) article examines the association between informal care provision and labour market participation in later working life:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/ageing/articles/livinglongerhowourpopulationischangingandwhyitmatters/2019-03-15>

## **Public satisfaction with the NHS and social care in 2018: Results from the British Social Attitudes Survey**

This report from The King's Fund explores findings from the 2018 NatCen British Social Attitudes Survey which asked members of the public in England, Scotland and Wales about their views on the NHS and health and care issues more generally:

[https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/public-satisfaction-nhs-social-care-2018?utm\\_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=10354479\\_NEWSL\\_The%20Weekly%20Update%202019-03-07&utm\\_content=bsa\\_button&dm\\_i=21A8,65XKF,FLXETU,O93SA,1](https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/public-satisfaction-nhs-social-care-2018?utm_source=The%20King%27s%20Fund%20newsletters%20%28main%20account%29&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=10354479_NEWSL_The%20Weekly%20Update%202019-03-07&utm_content=bsa_button&dm_i=21A8,65XKF,FLXETU,O93SA,1)

## **Closing the gap**

This King's Fund joint report with the Nuffield Trust and the Health Foundation discusses the issue of staffing for the NHS in England and considers the workforce shortages that are already having a direct impact on patient care and staff experience. The report sets out a series of policy actions that, evidence suggests, should be at the heart of the workforce implementation plan:

[https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/sites/default/files/2019-03/closing-the-gap-health-care-workforce-overview\\_0.pdf](https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/sites/default/files/2019-03/closing-the-gap-health-care-workforce-overview_0.pdf)

## **Deaths of homeless people in England and Wales: 2013 to 2017 local authority level data**

The ONS have produced the first experimental statistics of the number of deaths of homeless people in England and Wales at local authority level. Figures are given for deaths registered in the years 2013 to 2017:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/deathsofhomelesspeopleinenglandandwales2013to2017localauthorityleveldata>

## **Crack cocaine increase: inquiry findings – England**

This Public Health England (PHE) and Home Office publication reports on the findings of an investigation into the increase in crack cocaine use in England: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/crack-cocaine-increase-inquiry-findings/increase-in-crack-cocaine-use-inquiry-summary-of-findings>

## **The economic and social costs of domestic abuse: year ending March 2017 - England and Wales**

This Home Office report estimates the social and economic cost for victims of domestic abuse in the year ending March 2017 in England and Wales to be approximately £66 billion:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/772180/horr107.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/772180/horr107.pdf)

## **Children's social work workforce: England - year ending September 2018**

This DfE report provides information about children's social workers employed in local authorities and agency social workers in England for the year ending September 2018:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/782154/Children\\_s\\_social\\_work\\_workforce\\_2018\\_text.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/782154/Children_s_social_work_workforce_2018_text.pdf)

## Coram family and childcare survey 2019

This report from Coram analyses data relating to the price of childcare, the availability of childcare and the 30 hours extended entitlement in England in early 2019, and makes a series of recommendations for government to improve provision:

[https://www.familyandchildcaretrust.org/sites/default/files/Resource%20Library/Childcare%20Survey%202019\\_Coram%20Family%20and%20Childcare.pdf?dm\\_i=10XE,66TXV,LWBZQI,OD83B,1](https://www.familyandchildcaretrust.org/sites/default/files/Resource%20Library/Childcare%20Survey%202019_Coram%20Family%20and%20Childcare.pdf?dm_i=10XE,66TXV,LWBZQI,OD83B,1)

# Local Government

## Single Data List for 2019/20

The new Single Data List was published recently, showing data that local government is required to submit to central government. Remember, if it is not on the list, you don't have to do it! [Single Data List for 2019/20](#). Please let [@LGAcomms](#) know if you come across a non-voluntary data request that is not on the list.

<https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/research/partner-organisations/central-local-information-partnership-clip/data-burden>

## Metrics added to LG Inform this month include:

### Non-domestic rates collected by local councils in England: forecast (NNDR1) – 2019/20

National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) are a means by which local businesses or organisations contribute to the cost of local authority services. Liable properties include public buildings, pipelines and advertising hoardings, as well as businesses. Some non-domestic properties, such as agricultural land and associated buildings, and churches, are exempt however. For England in 2019/20, £26,291,464,299 is payable in NNDR, excluding New Development Deals and Enterprise Zones.

**Available Geographies: Country – District - London borough - Metropolitan District - Proposed authority - Unitary**

[https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=4113&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllRegions\\_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup](https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=4113&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllRegions_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup)

### National curriculum assessments at Key Stage two – 2017/18

The percentage of pupils reaching the expected standard at the end of Key Stage two in reading, writing and mathematics in England in 2017/18 was 65 per cent, an increase of three per cent from 62 per cent in 2016/17. This is the percentage of pupils in state funded primary schools reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics (RWM) at Key Stage two.

**Available Geographies: Country - Region – County - Unitary**

[https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=6080&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllRegions\\_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup](https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=6080&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllRegions_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup)

### **Jobseeker's Allowance – February 2019**

In February 2019 there were 220,764 Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) claimants In England aged 16-64. This has decreased from 376,032 claimants in February 2018. This is based on the Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) claimant count, and is the number of people claiming JSA and National Insurance credits at Jobcentre Plus local offices.

**Available Geographies: Combined authority – Country – County – District - Local Enterprise Partnership - Local Government District - NUTS level 1, 2 and 3 - Parliamentary constituency – Region – Unitary - Ward**

[https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=164&mod-period=13&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllRegions\\_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup](https://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=164&mod-period=13&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllRegions_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup)

## **Economy**

### **UK trade: January 2019**

This ONS report provides details of 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 in January 2019:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/balanceofpayments/bulletins/uktrade/january2019>

### **UK overseas trade in goods statistics: January 2019**

This HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) publication provides details of the overseas trade in goods statistics (OTS) of the UK. They are a detailed dataset covering the UK's 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/statistics/uk-overseas-trade-in-goods-statistics-january-2019>

### **Retail sales: Great Britain - February 2019**

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

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade/retailindustry/bulletins/retailsales/february2019>

## **Housing:**

### **Housing Revenue Account cap removal**

The removal of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) borrowing cap delivers an opportunity for many councils to deliver much needed homes. The LGA believes it is well-placed to develop a sector-led offer that can help councils to deliver the new homes that their communities need. To better understand how the LGA can offer maximum added value, councils were invited to answer a short survey to inform the organisation's thinking for a future support offer to councils for 2019/20 and beyond. To read the report go to: <https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Publications%20-%20Research%20-%20Housing%20Revenue%20Account%20Cap%20Removal%20-%20Survey%20Results%20-%20March%202019.pdf>

### **Building for our future: a vision for social housing**

This is the final report from Shelter's commission on social housing which came together after the Grenfell Tower fire to set out how to build a better future for social housing:

[https://england.shelter.org.uk/support\\_us/campaigns/a\\_vision\\_for\\_social\\_housing?dm\\_i=10XE,657KS,LWBZQI,O5VK5,1](https://england.shelter.org.uk/support_us/campaigns/a_vision_for_social_housing?dm_i=10XE,657KS,LWBZQI,O5VK5,1)

### **Housing affordability in England and Wales: 2018**

This ONS publication brings together data on house prices and annual earnings to calculate affordability ratios for national and sub-national geographies in England and Wales, on an annual basis:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/housing/bulletins/housingaffordabilityinenglandandwales/2018#>

### **Measures of owner occupiers' housing costs, UK: October to December 2018**

These ONS statistics provide information on owner occupiers' housing costs (OOH) in the UK between October and December 2018. These are the costs of housing services associated with owning, maintaining and living in one's own home:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/measuresofowneroccupiershousingcostsukoctobertodecember2018>

## **Crime**

### **Knife and offensive weapon sentencing statistics: October to December 2018 - England and Wales**

This Ministry of Justice (MoJ) statistical release provides information on trends in cautioning and sentencing of knife or offensive weapon offences in England and Wales between October and December 2018:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/785745/Knife\\_and\\_Offensive\\_Weapon\\_Sentencing\\_Pub\\_Q4\\_2018.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/785745/Knife_and_Offensive_Weapon_Sentencing_Pub_Q4_2018.pdf)

### **Criminal court statistics quarterly: October to December 2017 – England and Wales**

These MoJ statistics provide information on the type and volume of cases received and processed through the criminal court system of England and Wales, including statistics on case timeliness. Also included are statistics 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/695408/ccsq-bulletin-oct-dec-2017.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/695408/ccsq-bulletin-oct-dec-2017.pdf)

# Regular publications and events:

## **Social Research Practice', the Social Research Association (SRA) Journal - Call for submissions**

Articles in the SRA Journal cover a wide range of largely methodological issues and include useful information for researchers and research users across all sectors. This peer-reviewed journal differs from most academic journals in that its aim is to share practical information about methods and techniques.

The SRA are now actively looking for authors. Have you developed or experimented with a research approach that may be useful for other researchers to know about? Has a particular research experience given you insights to share?

- Articles are short at 2500 – 4000 words. Or you can write a shorter Research Note of 1000-1500 words.
- The SRA don't require a literature review, a discussion of theoretical developments, or extensive citations.

You can find further information on submitting articles for the journal on our website: [www.the-sra.org.uk/journal-social-research-practice/submissions/](http://www.the-sra.org.uk/journal-social-research-practice/submissions/)

You can also contact the editor of the journal, Richard Bartholomew, to discuss ideas for articles or research notes, so please get in touch: [rabartholomew@btinternet.com](mailto:rabartholomew@btinternet.com)

## **SRA training courses**

The SRA has a full range of research training courses taking place in Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh and London in 2019. They include qualitative, quantitative, evaluation and other research skills training courses.

For full details of courses please visit the [website](#)

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## **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.

## **BASPCAN event:**

### **Responding to and Effecting Change through Training:**

#### **Joint Association of Child Protection Professionals and NSPCC Child Protection Trainers Conference and Award Ceremony 2019**

**Wesley Hotel, Euston Street, London NW1 2EZ**

**2 May 2019**

Stay abreast of changes affecting child protection training and explore their implications with other trainers. We are pleased to announce that we have updated and added to our conference for trainers to provide an overview of multi-agency safeguarding learning themes emerging from NCB's study of 17 early adopters sites which are implementing changes to LSCB arrangements, as set out in Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018).

For the second time the NSPCC and AoCPP invited nominations for the Child Protection Trainer of the Year. This award is designed to recognise and celebrate inspiring trainers who through their work are having an impact on keeping children safe from abuse.

Please see the programme and make a booking here:

<https://www.baspcan.org.uk/event/responding-effecting-change-training-nspcc-baspcan-conference-award-ceremony-2019/>

### **SRA - Social Research Practice journal**

The seventh 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/>

**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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