

# 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 November 2017 Statistical Alert produced by LGA Research and Information shows Consumer Price Index including owner occupiers housing costs (CPIH) remained at 2.8 per cent in October 2017 unchanged from September 2017. Retail Price Index (RPI) annual inflation increased to 4.0 per cent in October 2017 from 3.9 per cent in September 2017.

The number of people in employment in Great Britain was 31,234,000 for the three months to September 2017; this has decreased by 5,000 compared to the previous quarter to June 2017, from 31,239,000. Unemployment in Great Britain for the same periods was 1,390,000 for the quarter to September 2017, a decrease of 47,000 from 1,437,000 in the previous quarter to June 2017.

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 October 2017, unchanged for the three months to September 2017.

Results from the Labour Research Department (LRD) survey provided by XpertHR showed the median level of union-negotiated awards for the whole economy was 2.5 per cent in the three months to October 2017 an increase from 2.0 per cent for the previous three months to September 2017.

The Engineering Employers Federation mean (EEF, manufacturing) was 2.1 per cent in the three months to September 2017. The EEF did not published figures for the three months to the end of October 2017. For more information visit: <https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/research/statistical-alert>

#### Apprenticeships evaluation 2017: learners survey - England

This Department for Education (DfE) research presents the findings of the Apprenticeship Evaluation Learner Survey 2017, and is the fifth in the series, the first of which was published in 2012. It covers individuals' motivations for undertaking apprenticeship experience of the training they received, satisfaction with the apprenticeship, and the impact it has had on their career to date. For more information visit:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/659709/Apprenticeships\\_evaluation\\_2017-learners.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/659709/Apprenticeships_evaluation_2017-learners.pdf)

### **Apprenticeships evaluation 2017: employers survey - England**

This DfE research presents the findings of the 2017 Apprenticeships Evaluation Employer Survey, and coincides with a time of significant change for apprenticeships in England. The research is designed to provide an understanding of how apprenticeship policy is being implemented on-the-ground and determine the impact that apprenticeships have for employers. It provides insight into the standard of apprenticeships on offer, and tracks the progress of this programme over time. For more information visit:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/659710/Apprenticeships\\_evaluation\\_2017\\_employers.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/659710/Apprenticeships_evaluation_2017_employers.pdf)

## **Transport**

### **Transport statistics Great Britain: 2017**

This Department for Transport (DfT) report provides information on statistical trends in the British transport sector for the calendar year 2017. For more information visit:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/661933/tsqb-2017-report-summaries.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/661933/tsqb-2017-report-summaries.pdf)

### **Commuting trends in England 1988 - 2015**

This DfT publication provides an analysis of changing commuting patterns in England between 1988 and 2015. For more information visit:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/657839/commuting-in-england-1988-2015.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/657839/commuting-in-england-1988-2015.pdf)

### **UK international sea passengers: September 2017**

These DfT statistics provide information on UK international and domestic sea passengers during September 2017. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/spas01-uk-international-sea-passengers#table-spas0107>

### **Disabled people's travel behaviour and attitudes to travel - UK**

This DfT publication provides information on, and recommendations following, research into the travel behaviour and attitudes to travel of disabled people in the UK. For more information visit:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/647703/disabled-peoples-travel-behaviour-and-attitudes-to-travel.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/647703/disabled-peoples-travel-behaviour-and-attitudes-to-travel.pdf)

## **Education and young people:**

### **Further education and skills: November 2017 – England**

These DfE statistics provide information about learner participation, outcomes and highest qualification held in further education and skills in England, reported for November 2017. For more information visit:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/660580/SFR62\\_Nov\\_2017.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/660580/SFR62_Nov_2017.pdf)

## **Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) statistics quarterly brief: July to September 2017 - England**

These DfE statistics provide information about young people who were NEET in England between July and September 2017. For more information visit:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/661031/SFR65-2017\\_NEET\\_Statistics\\_Quarterly\\_Brief\\_Q3-2017.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/661031/SFR65-2017_NEET_Statistics_Quarterly_Brief_Q3-2017.pdf)

## **School report: the experiences of lesbian, gay, bi and trans (LGBT) young people in Britain's schools in 2017**

This report from Stonewall highlights the ongoing challenges faced by LGBT young people in the school system in Britain. For more information visit:

[http://www.stonewall.org.uk/sites/default/files/the\\_school\\_report\\_2017.pdf?dm\\_i=10XE,57X9O,LWBZQI,K5P9E,1](http://www.stonewall.org.uk/sites/default/files/the_school_report_2017.pdf?dm_i=10XE,57X9O,LWBZQI,K5P9E,1)

## **Education and training statistics for the UK: 2017**

These DfE statistics provide information on schools, post compulsory education, training, qualifications and spending in the UK during 2017. For more information visit:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/657821/SFR64\\_2017\\_Text.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/657821/SFR64_2017_Text.pdf)

## **Supporting an evidence-led approach to parenting and family support**

The second phase of the national Troubled Families Programme places a new emphasis on ensuring that local activity is informed by evidence, and that good practice is shared. It also has a focus on tackling worklessness and associated issues, including reducing the impacts of interparental conflict. The Early Intervention Foundation (EiF) have published a set of new resources focusing on evidence-based commissioning, achieving value for money and developing the Troubled Families workforce.

- The [EIF guide to commissioning parenting and family support](#) summarises the evidence to help support Troubled Families coordinators
- An accompanying slide pack, '[Evidence to support the business case](#)', brings together and signposts a range of existing evaluation evidence and resources on the business case for parenting and family support.
- To support development of the Troubled Families workforce and an emphasis on 'whole family working', a [functional map for the Troubled Families practitioner role](#), provides a snapshot of the day-to-day work of these practitioners.

## **Neglected minds - England**

This report from Barnardo's considers the mental health needs of care leavers in England and what could be done to better support them. For more information visit:

[http://www.barnardos.org.uk/neglect-minds-a-report-on-mental-health.pdf?dm\\_i=10XE,57X9O,LWBZQI,K5P9F,1](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/neglect-minds-a-report-on-mental-health.pdf?dm_i=10XE,57X9O,LWBZQI,K5P9F,1)

## **Improving mental health support for our children and young people - Expert Working Group final report**

In February 2016 the DfE announced that an Expert Working Group would be created to ensure that the emotional and mental health needs of children and young people in care, adopted from care, under kinship care, under Special Guardianship Orders, as well as care leavers, would be better met. The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) was contracted by the Department of Health (DH) and the DfE to establish the Expert Working Group to support this work. The Expert Working Group gathered evidence from a review of literature about what the mental health needs of looked after children were, and held a Call for Evidence of good practice. The group also considered what a good system to support the health and wellbeing of looked after children would look like, and described its key features. For more information visit: <https://www.scie.org.uk/children/care/mental-health/report#downloads>

## **Characteristics of children in need: April 2016 to March 2017, England**

These DfE statistics provide information on children referred to and assessed by children's social services for the year ending 31 March 2017 in England. For more information visit:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/656395/SFR61-2017\\_Main\\_text.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/656395/SFR61-2017_Main_text.pdf)

## **Improving mathematics in Key Stages two and three**

This Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) guidance report focuses on the teaching of mathematics to pupils in Key Stages two and three and aims to help teachers boost the skills of primary and secondary school pupils. For more information visit:

[https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Campaigns/Maths/KS2\\_KS3\\_Maths\\_Guidance\\_2017.pdf](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Campaigns/Maths/KS2_KS3_Maths_Guidance_2017.pdf)

## **16-19 education funding in England since 2010**

This House of Commons library briefing paper provides a summary of how funding for 16-19 education in England has changed since 2010. For more information visit:

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN07019/SN07019.pdf>

## **Teacher observation**

This EEF research shows that more frequent and structured lesson observations – where teachers observe their colleagues and give them feedback - appeared to have little impact on pupils' GCSE maths and English results. For more information visit:

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/increasing-structured-teacher-observations-makes-no-difference/>

## **EEF evaluations: results published of EEF trials**

EEF have published the independent evaluations of four trials of programmes aiming to raise the attainment of disadvantaged children and young people. In addition to Teacher Observation (see above), these are:

- Lesson Study - a collaborative professional development programme that originated in Japan;
- Flipped Learning - pupils undertaking some learning prior to lessons, freeing up class time for feedback and personalised support; and
- Learner Response System - electronic handheld devices providing immediate feedback during lessons.

## **Environment:**

### **Household energy efficiency national statistics**

These statistics from the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy provide information on the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) and Green Deal (GD). The headline release presents monthly updates of ECO measures and quarterly updates of in-depth ECO statistics, carbon savings and the Green Deal schemes. The report presents annual updates on in-depth Green Deal statistics and insulation levels. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/household-energy-efficiency-national-statistics-headline-release-november-2017>

## **Health and social care:**

### **UK prevention research partnership**

An alliance of UK health departments, research councils and charities have announced a new funding call to address challenges in the primary prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

The UK Prevention Research Partnership (UKPRP) is a £50m initiative focussed on improving population health, and reducing health inequalities, through the primary prevention of NCDs. It covers physical health as well as mental health and wellbeing in the UK. The call seeks to build and support interdisciplinary research consortia and networks that will focus on the upstream-determinants of health; on developing large-scale solutions relevant to policy and practice; and on enabling change within complex adaptive systems.

The UKPRP will support two types of award:

- Consortium award: £4-7m for five years
- Network award: £100k per annum for up to four years

There is a two-stage process for applications for the awards. The call for outline applications closes at 16:00 on 18 January 2018.

The Medical Research Council will administer the call for proposals on behalf of funding partners. Further information on the specification of the call and how to apply are available on the MRC website. For more information visit: <https://www.mrc.ac.uk/funding/browse/ukprp/uk-prevention-research-partnership-ukprp-consortium-and-network-awards/>

### **ONS health and care monthly knowledge update**

The ONS have launched a new health and care monthly knowledge update on behalf of producers of official statistics which will see the latest official statistics, information and events on health and care brought into one central place.

To subscribe to the latest edition and future updates please visit: [Health and Care Statistics](#)

### **Evidence use in public health**

In the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) 'Signals' publication, health and social care staff and service users explain what research is important to them and why they feel others need to know about it. In the latest collection, Dr Rupert Suckling Director of Public Health at Doncaster Council, explains the role of research evidence in public health, and highlights NIHR Signals of particular interest to people working to improve public health. For more information visit: [http://www.dc.nihr.ac.uk/highlights/my-signals-public-health.htm?utm\\_content=buffer4378e&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](http://www.dc.nihr.ac.uk/highlights/my-signals-public-health.htm?utm_content=buffer4378e&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

### **Embedding a culture of quality improvement**

This King's Fund report explores the factors that have helped NHS organisations to launch and sustain a quality improvement strategy. For more information visit:

<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/sites/default/files/2017-11/Embedding-culture-QI-Kings-Fund-November-2017.pdf>

### **New approaches to building evidence on public health**

This editorial in The Lancet provides information on the need for new approaches to building evidence on public health. For more information visit: <http://www.health.org.uk/collection/building-evidence>

### **The dystopian short story**

The Royal Society for Public Health and The Health Foundation invited writers to create a short story based on a world in which health inequalities go unchecked- aimed at a teen audience. For more information visit:

<http://www.health.org.uk/programmes/projects/health-here-where>

### **Decommissioning health care: identifying best practice through primary and secondary research a prospective mixed-methods study**

This NIHR-funded study aimed to formulate theoretically grounded, evidence-informed guidance to support best practice in the effective decommissioning of NHS services. For more information visit:

[https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/portal/article?id=SIG-5000493&utm\\_source=NIHR+Dissemination+Centre+mailing+list&utm\\_campaign=8b68f90566-RSS+All+Signals&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_286155606c-8b68f90566-167865673](https://discover.dc.nihr.ac.uk/portal/article?id=SIG-5000493&utm_source=NIHR+Dissemination+Centre+mailing+list&utm_campaign=8b68f90566-RSS+All+Signals&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_286155606c-8b68f90566-167865673)

### **Personal well-being in the UK: July 2016 to June 2017**

These ONS statistics provide estimates of life satisfaction, happiness, and anxiety at a UK and country level between June and July 2017. For more information visit:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/wellbeing/bulletins/measuringnationalwellbeing/july2016tojune2017>

### **The state of hospice services in England 2014-17**

This Care Quality Commission's (CQC) report provides an overview of its inspections of hospice services in England between October 2014 and January 2017. For more information visit:

[http://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20171013\\_state\\_of\\_hospice\\_services.pdf?dm\\_i=10XE,57X9O,LWBZQI,K5POR,1](http://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20171013_state_of_hospice_services.pdf?dm_i=10XE,57X9O,LWBZQI,K5POR,1)

### **The King's Fund – 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 24th report and examines what has happened over the past quarter of the current financial year. For more information visit: <http://qmr.kingsfund.org.uk/2017/24/survey>

### **Insights 2017 - UK**

The sixth Insights report from Understanding Society, provides new findings on the changes and stability in the lives of people in the UK. It covers three key policy areas; low pay and work, adult mental health and work/life balance. For more information visit:

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/2017/11/07/insights-2017>

### **Who uses foodbanks and why? Exploring the impact of financial strain and adverse life events on food insecurity**

This article from The Journal of Public Health, explores who uses foodbanks, and factors associated with increased food insecurity. For more information visit: <https://academic.oup.com/jpubhealth/advance-article/doi/10.1093/pubmed/fox133/4555347>

## **Local Government**

### **PopChange population change resource 1971 to 2011 – England, Scotland, and Wales**

This resource provides free access to consistent 1km by 1km gridded data for each Census year from 1971 to 2011, enabling the analysis of neighbourhood population change. Variables include: total persons, age, country of birth, tenure, employment, vehicle access, overcrowding, ethnic group (from 1991), and self-reported health status (from 1991). For more information visit:

<https://popchange.liverpool.ac.uk/>

### **Nesta announce two local government data initiatives**

Nesta, the global innovation foundation and "use of data" think tank has announced two projects in recent weeks which have relevance to local government.

The first is a request for proposals for grant funding (£15k-£30k) to encourage innovative data projects to help address social challenges and relieve frontline pressures on local government services.

The second is a survey of data users and advocates in local government across many countries and disciplines to assemble the big picture of skills, practices, analysis and data use.

For more details on both these initiatives visit: <http://about.esd.org.uk/news/two-exciting-public-data-projects-nesta-nov-2017>

### **Management as consultancy**

This book from Andrew Sturdy at the University of Bristol, Christopher Wright at the University of Sydney and Nick Wylie at Oxford Brookes University provides an international study of new management practices and examines the emergence of consultant managers. For a summary please visit: <https://theconversation.com/the-successful-slow-death-of-management-consultants-37400>.

The University of Bristol have also produced a short report on managing change without the use of external consultants. For more information visit: [http://www.bristol.ac.uk/media-library/sites/policybristol/documents/PolicyBristol\\_Report\\_6\\_Consultant\\_Managers.pdf](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/media-library/sites/policybristol/documents/PolicyBristol_Report_6_Consultant_Managers.pdf)

### **Council taxbase 2017 - England**

This Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) publication provides estimates of the number of properties liable for council tax as at September 2017 in England. For more information visit: [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/659427/Local\\_Authority\\_Council\\_Tax\\_base\\_England\\_2017\\_Statistical\\_Release.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/659427/Local_Authority_Council_Tax_base_England_2017_Statistical_Release.pdf)

### **LG Inform Value for Money Profiles (England)**

The Value for Money (VfM) profiles bring together data about the costs, performance and activity of local councils and fire and rescue authorities. They have been designed to help auditors, council officers and elected members, fire and rescue authorities and the public understand the costs of delivering local services, and to get an overview of comparative spend and performance over time and relative to others.

The VfM profiles use data published by government departments and other organisations, much of which are official statistics, and the source of each indicator is included in the detailed metric report.

<http://vfm.lginform.local.gov.uk/>

### **LG Inform and LG Inform Plus training**

LGA are planning the next series of LG Inform and LG Inform Plus training events and are looking for local authorities to host these. The free one day training events for local authority and Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) staff will take place between January and March 2018. They cover both LG Inform and LG Inform Plus, taking participants through all the tools that are available. For more details please visit the [LG Inform Plus news page](#).

## **Metrics added to LG Inform this month include:**

### **Mid-year population estimates – 2016, England**

The total resident population based on mid-year population estimates for England was 55,268,067, an increase of 481,740 from 54,786,327 in 2015. The estimated resident population of an area includes all people who usually live there, whatever their nationality. Members of UK and non-UK armed forces stationed in the UK are included and UK forces stationed outside the UK are excluded. For more information visit:

[http://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=3281&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllMetropolitanBoroughLainCountry\\_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup](http://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=3281&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllMetropolitanBoroughLainCountry_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup)

### **Jobseekers Allowance – October 2017, England**

In October 2017 there were 123,115 claimants who had been claiming Jobseekers Allowance for over 12 months or over, this has decreased from 125,485 in October 2016. This figure 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. For more information visit:

[http://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=166&mod-period=13&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllMetropolitanBoroughLainCountry\\_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup](http://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=166&mod-period=13&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllMetropolitanBoroughLainCountry_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup)

### **Local Government Revenue Outturn – 2016/17, England**

The total expenditure on all services for Local Government in England in the 2016/17 financial year was £120,435,898.000. This is total revenue expenditure and includes employee costs and running expenses. Taken from the Revenue Outturn Service Expenditure Summary (RSX), the data are revenue outturn estimates of local authority revenue expenditure. These estimates are on a non-Financial Reporting Standard 17 (FRS17) and PFI “Off Balance Sheet”. For more information visit:

[http://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=204&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllMetropolitanBoroughLainCountry\\_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup](http://lginform.local.gov.uk/reports/lgastandard?mod-metric=204&mod-area=E92000001&mod-group=AllMetropolitanBoroughLainCountry_England&mod-type=namedComparisonGroup)

## **Economy**

### **Estate renewal**

This What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth study considers what role government investment in the built environment can play in turning around struggling neighbourhoods. For more information visit:

[http://www.whatworksgrowth.org/blog/if-we-build-it-will-they-come/?utm\\_source=What+Works+Centre+for+Local+Economic+Growth+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=1f8b22f7b3-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2017\\_11\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_20db6f6dab-1f8b22f7b3-90328257](http://www.whatworksgrowth.org/blog/if-we-build-it-will-they-come/?utm_source=What+Works+Centre+for+Local+Economic+Growth+Newsletter&utm_campaign=1f8b22f7b3-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_11_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_20db6f6dab-1f8b22f7b3-90328257)

### **The state of small business: putting UK entrepreneurs on the map**

This Nesta publication is a data-led guide to the state of small business in the UK. It examines local-authority level characteristics of SME growth, productivity and other factors. For more information visit:

<https://www.nesta.org.uk/sites/default/files/the-state-of-small-business-uk.pdf>

### **UK overseas trade statistics: September 2017**

These statistics from HM Revenue and customs provide data detailing international trade in goods at summary product and country level during September 2017. For more information visit:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/657627/OTS\\_Release\\_09\\_2017.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/657627/OTS_Release_09_2017.pdf)

## **Housing:**

### **LGA Housing Allowance survey – final report**

LGA carried out a survey of housing managers working within local councils in England to gather insight into the effect – or likely effect – of the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) freeze on local housing, ranging from homelessness to house building. For more information visit:

<https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/LGA%20Local%20Housing%20Allowance%20Survey%20Final%20Report.pdf>

### **50 years of the English Housing Survey**

This DCLG report provides a comparison of the 1967 housing survey with the English Housing Survey in 2017. For more information visit:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/658923/EHS\\_50th\\_Anniversary\\_Report.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/658923/EHS_50th_Anniversary_Report.pdf)

### **Affordable housing supply in England: 2016 to 2017**

These DCLG statistics provide information on the gross additional affordable housing supply in England between 2016 and 2017. For more information visit:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/657902/Affordable\\_Housing\\_Supply\\_2016-17.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/657902/Affordable_Housing_Supply_2016-17.pdf)

### **Public value of statistics on housing and planning in the UK**

This report from The Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) presents findings from a systemic review exploring the public value of statistics on housing and planning in the UK. For more information visit:

<https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Systemic-Review-of-Statistics-on-Housing-and-Planning-in-the-UK20171110.pdf>

### **Contribution to assessing the new reporting burden of H-CLIC by 15 December 2017**

As part of the introduction of the new statutory homelessness data collection system, H-CLIC, DCLG need to assess the burden on local authorities of reporting this data. This is to have H-CLIC added to the single data list for April 2018, when the Homelessness Reduction Act commences and the H-CLIC data collection will begin.

DCLG welcome burdens assessments from all local authorities. If your authority is able to contribute to the assessment, further information can be found on the DCLG Homelessness Statistics User Forum, available here: <https://gss.civilservice.gov.uk/statistics/working-with-users/dclg-homelessness-statistics-user-forum/>

Responses are required by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017**. Please return your assessment to [homelessnessstats@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:homelessnessstats@communities.gsi.gov.uk) by this date.

Any queries on the burden assessment can be sent to [homelessnessstats@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:homelessnessstats@communities.gsi.gov.uk).

## **Crime:**

### **Police powers and procedures England and Wales year ending 31 March 2017 (second edition)**

These Home Office statistics provide information on stop and search, arrests for notifiable offences, detentions under the Mental Health Act 1983, fixed penalty notices for motoring offences, breath tests, and other PACE powers in England and Wales for the year ending 31 March 2017. For more information visit: [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/658099/police-powers-procedures-mar17-hosb2017.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/658099/police-powers-procedures-mar17-hosb2017.pdf)

### **Violence against women and girls (VAWG) crime report - UK**

This report from the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) provides an analysis of the key prosecution areas relating to VAWG. It finds that over the last decade, conviction volumes relating to VAWG have risen by 63% in the UK. For more information visit: [http://www.cps.gov.uk/publications/docs/cps-vawg-report-2017.pdf?dm\\_i=10XE,57X9O,LWBZQI,K5TAI,1](http://www.cps.gov.uk/publications/docs/cps-vawg-report-2017.pdf?dm_i=10XE,57X9O,LWBZQI,K5TAI,1)

### **Domestic abuse in England and Wales: year ending March 2017**

This ONS report brings together statistics to enable more detailed analysis of how domestic abuse is dealt with at the local level within England and Wales. Including data from across government and the voluntary sector. For more information visit: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/bulletins/domesticabuseinenglandandwales/yearendingmarch2017>

# Regular publications and events:

## **Administrative data Census research outputs**

The most recent research outputs from the ONS' Administrative Data Census work are now available:

**Size of the population** – including data at area level for the first time. These are available for 2011 and 2016. See further information on Output Areas here. Analysis of OA estimates is available in this slideshare.

Economic activity of undergraduate students – this is the first research into the production of economic activity statistics from administrative data. This research links Higher Education Statistics Agency 2015 records to the Statistical Population Dataset V2.0 for 2015 and Pay As You Earn tax years ending 2015 <https://www.slideshare.net/statisticsONS/research-outputs-for-small-areas-2017-analysis-and-findings/statisticsONS/research-outputs-for-small-areas-2017-analysis-and-findingsand> 2016 data from HM Revenue and Customs.

Ethnicity estimates – produced by combining administrative data and survey data, this publication builds on the previous ethnicity release by using the Generalised Structure Preserving Estimator (GSPREE) small area estimation method with survey and administrative data to estimate ethnic group size by local authorities in England for 2015.

Using mobile phone data to estimate commuter flows – Aggregate data from Vodafone UK was used to estimate commuting flows to and from three London local authorities: Croydon, Lambeth and Southwark. The results have been compared with 2011 Census travel to work data.

Income from Pay As You Earn and benefits data – In response to user feedback, this year's ONS publication includes both individual and household gross income distributions at lower layer super output area level for the tax year ending 2016.

## **Update on 2021 Census for England and Wales**

ONS have recently provided an update on 2021 Census topics for England and Wales. For more information visit:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/census/censustransformationprogramme/consultations/the2021censusinitialviewoncontentforenglandandwales/updateon2021censusforenglandandwales>

## **Local Area Research and Intelligence Association (LARIA) East Event, 6 December 2017, Norwich University**

This event allows participants to hear experts covering topical and challenging subject areas including:

- Developing personas for the transformation of social care
- Vulnerability among new council teams
- Assessing green infrastructure
- Analysing local authority data about children in care
- The development of a measure of rural disadvantage
- Big Data analysis
- Information and consultation for the 2021 Census
- The Intelligence Council: what drives councils to develop their intelligence?

Closing with a discussion session of what works and where next.

For more information [click here](#) or contact [Richard Potter](#)

## **LARIA annual conference 2018: call for papers and speakers**

### **'Shaping the place – the role of local area intelligence'**

LARIA are looking for keynote speakers and workshops at their 2018 annual conference.

The conference will be held on Tuesday, 22 - Wednesday, 23 May 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Chester. For full details please visit: <http://www.cvent.com/events/laria-annual-conference-2018/event-summary-da65a32ddd174f59a575b44e66501454.aspx>

## **University of Bristol – policy newsletter**

The latest 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. For more information visit: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/policybristol/communications/>

## **British Association for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (BASPCAN) events:**

### **Breaking the cycle of violence to children in Wales through enabling positive parenting**

#### **The Pierhead, Cardiff 10.00am – 4.00pm, 14 March 2018**

This joint conference by ISPCAN, BASPCAN, NSPCC & Children in Wales explores the relevance to practice in Wales of an International study, Promoting Positive Parenting to Prevent Violence against Children (2016). For more information visit: <https://www.baspcan.org.uk/events/>

## **BASPCAN Congress 2018**

### **Thinking outside the box: innovative perspectives on protecting children and young people 8-11 April 2018, University of Warwick, Coventry**

A programme of keynote talks, free papers, symposia and workshops that will allow you to update your knowledge and skills, learning from new and emerging research and interacting with others who feel passionately about protecting children and supporting families.

Early-bird bookings information: <https://www.baspcan.org.uk/baspcan-congress-2018/baspcan-congress-2018-bookings/>

## **Social Research Association (SRA) training courses**

The SRA still has a number of research training courses taking place until December in London, Edinburgh and Cardiff.

Full details of all SRA courses (including their Programme for 2018) can be seen at [www.the-sra.org.uk/training](http://www.the-sra.org.uk/training)

For questions please email [Lindsay.adams@the-sra.org.uk](mailto:Lindsay.adams@the-sra.org.uk) or telephone 0207 998 0304

## **The Royal Statistical Society's (RSS) 2018 International Conference**

Cardiff 3-6 September 2018.

The RSS International Conference provides an opportunity for anyone interested in statistics and data science to share information and network.

The 2018 conference will, once again, be organised by 'streams' allowing in-depth focus on specialised topics as well as broader presentations on new developments and thinking in statistics around:

- \* Applications of statistics
- \* Communicating and teaching statistics
- \* Data science
- \* Environmental statistics
- \* Industry and Finance
- \* Medical statistics
- \* Methods and Theory
- \* Official statistics and public policy
- \* Professional Development
- \* Social statistics

The SRA are currently working on the 2018 streams and programme and are interested in any ideas for topics and speakers. Send your ideas to: [conference@rss.org.uk](mailto:conference@rss.org.uk).

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

The fourth issue of the SRA's free e-journal is now available. For more information visit:

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

## **Project Oracle children and youth evidence hub**

Project Oracle is a children and youth evidence hub that aims to improve outcomes for young people in London and elsewhere. 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 research activities and events along with a book review and a section on young voices. For more information visit:

<http://reescentre.education.ox.ac.uk/about-us/2017/09/>

### **Local Digital Coalition newsletter**

The Local Digital Coalition helps the local public sector unlock the benefits of collaborative digital service transformation. In this month's 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, from blogs and magazines, plus speeches and think tanks. It brings together this content across six policy areas - economic affairs, home affairs, science, international affairs, the constitution and social policy - with a focus on articles and comment relevant to business of the House. For more information visit:

<http://lordsdigest.digiminster.com/>

### **National foundation for Educational Research (NFER) Direct**

NFER Direct and NFER Direct for Schools are monthly email newsletters, containing information about latest research and updates on NFER activities. For more information visit: <http://www.nfer.ac.uk/about-nfer/nferdirect/>

### **Team around the child (TAC) bulletin**

This monthly bulletin is for everyone involved with childhood disability. For more information visit:

<http://www.tacinterconnections.com/index.php/allnews/tacbulletins/2760-tac-bulletin-update-issue-number-204-mid-august-2017>

### **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. For more information visit:

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

### **Changing populations**

This bi-annual publication from The Centre for Population Change includes the latest research findings and highlights from their programme of events and media activities. For more information visit:

<http://www.cpc.ac.uk/news/newsletter/CPC%20Newsletter%20Autumn%202017.pdf>

### **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/>

### **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. For more information visit: <http://www.nesta.org.uk/news>

**Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) society now**

This regular magazine, provides the latest and most topical social science research for key opinion formers in business, government and the voluntary sector. For more information visit:

<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. For more information visit:

<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. For more information visit:

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

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