

## Using data for your Big Local plan: Further information and resources

There is a vast range of national and local data available about local areas. This handout includes information about existing data as well as resources to help you collect it yourself.

### Available from Local Trust

#### Local Insight

We have recently launched a pilot of Local Insight where you can access open source data on social, economic, and demographic indicators about your area. It is a useful tool to supplement evidence on why your projects are needed and who they will help. Contact [lindsay.street@localtrust.org.uk](mailto:lindsay.street@localtrust.org.uk) for more information.

<https://local.communityinsight.org/>

#### Big Local data reports

Data reports mapping the Census 2011 and other government data onto the very small boundaries of the Big Local areas are now available for each of the 150 Big Local areas. Find out more at the blog below.

<http://localtrust.org.uk/news/blogs/data-mania>

### National organisations/websites

#### Neighbourhood statistics from ONS

(NeSS): This local neighbourhood mapping tool (NeSS) is available via ONS's website and provides free access to a range of neighbourhood data for local areas. Please note that this tool is currently being updated so may not include the most up to date data.

(Nomis): This tool gives free access to the most detailed and up-to-date UK labour market statistics from official sources.

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/help/localstatistics>

#### Public Health England data and analysis tools

This website provides a gateway to a range of resources for different forms of health data. Most of these resources can be used by anyone, although some tools may require registered users to log in, in order to protect certain types of sensitive data.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/phe-data-and-analysis-tools>

## **Data and resources on Wellbeing**

What Works Wellbeing is a centre dedicated to understanding what national and local governments, along with voluntary and business partners, can do to increase wellbeing. The website offers a number of datasets on health and wellbeing.

<https://whatworkswellbeing.org/wellbeing-2/wellbeing-data/>

## **Monitoring and Evaluation tools**

### **My community**

This is a guide that explores the principles of robust (but realistic) evaluation, presenting guidelines that you can use for your own evaluation.

<http://mycommunity.org.uk/resources/evaluating-and-communicating-your-project/>

### **Inspiring impact**

This platform pulls together the widest possible range of resources relevant to improving impact practice, and enables users to search and filter results according to their needs

<http://inspiringimpact.org/listings/>

## **Examples of community research**

### **Community research in Big Local areas**

This blog shares some examples of community research in action in Big Local areas – where residents in Big Local areas are actively undertaking research explore issues of interest to their neighbourhood, based on the priorities identified in their Big Local plans.

<http://localtrust.org.uk/news/blogs/community-research-in-big-local-areas>

Local Trust has also set up a Big Local research Facebook group open to all.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/biglocalresearch/>

### **Undertaking neighbourhood or community audits**

SPHR researchers worked with residents in West End, Morecambe to develop and pilot a neighbourhood audit tool. The tool collects information about features of areas where people live, work and socialise (e.g. types of shops or services, availability of public spaces). See link below to find out about the residents' and researchers' experiences.

<http://localtrust.org.uk/news/blogs/community-researchers>