

HOMELESSNESS STATISTICS USER/ PROVIDER GROUP (HSUG)

Date:- Tuesday 09 May 2017

Time:- 14:00 – 16:00

Where:- Conference Room 1, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ


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AGENDA Item:	Subject	Minutes and Actions
Item 1:	Minutes of the last meeting.	The Minutes of the 2nd Feb 2016 Meeting were agreed.
Item 2:	Matters arising.	<p>A number of action points from the last meeting were still outstanding. These were:</p> <p><i>Action Point 2: SG Statisticians to consider revising the PREVENT1 data specification to include Mortgage to Rent on to categories for Outcome (Q24).</i></p> <p>Susan to investigate whether this was considered and the proposal turned down, or not considered yet. If the latter will look into this, however to note that this would involve a change to the data specification which is not ideal mid year.</p> <p><i>Action Point 3: SG To monitor the extent to which this may over-estimate the number of households with children in temporary accommodation through comparison with the HL2 Return.</i></p> <p>This will be completed as part of the wider HL3 data quality review.</p>

Item 3:	PREVENT1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation on the most recent statistics• PREVENT1/HL1 – which application is required and when• Discussion	<p>Susan gave a presentation summarising the most recent publication of PREVENT1 statistics, released 17 Jan 2017. Susan also gave a brief overview of the crossover between HL1 and PREVENT1 and what is expected of LA's.</p> <p>Group discussions regarding how LA's used PREVENT1 then followed. Feedback from these discussions reiterated that as guidance and statistics describe, the use of PREVENT1 varied greatly across the LAs.</p> <p>Some LA's suggested that they found PREVENT1 difficult to monitor and that it is frustrating that there is no comparability across LAs. Some found this approach outdated and of little use and found that rather than enabling customer choice it could sometimes prevent it.</p>
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<p>Item 4:</p>	<p>Temporary Accommodation Placement Data (HL3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the data to date • Publication plans 	<p>Susan presented an update regarding the HL3 data collection to date. Susan noted that the data collection is going well and quality is improving, however data quality is currently not good enough across all LA's to publish, therefore it will not be included in the 2016/17 annual publication as initially planned.</p> <p>Susan noted that there were two main issues;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The HL3 data does not match HL2 data – over or under count 2. The HL3 record cannot be matched to an HL1 record <p>There was concern that by linking to the HL1, the statistics may be miscalculating dependent children (as age would be at application, but could be in temp for months/years). Susan noted that the dependent children indicator was filled in by LAs as part of the HL3 return and this is what would be used when reporting data.</p> <p>It was requested that the homeless statistics team produce an 'idiots guide' to the HL3 quarterly report which would highlight which statistics LAs should be checking and how various tables are computed (in particular ARC indicators). Susan agreed that they could look at this.</p> <p>Susan noted that following the annual publication in June the homelessness statistics team would undertake a piece of work to look into these issues in more detail and would be contacting LA's to discuss this and improve the quality of the data.</p> <p>Susan also noted that once Q2 2017/18 data had been submitted the team would review the quality and take a decision whether to publish HL3 data in early 2018 or whether to wait until the next annual publication in June 2018. It will also be considered whether the HL2 data collection can cease at this point – although it is likely that it will at least continue until the end of 2017/18.</p>
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<p>Item 5:</p>	<p>Health and Homelessness Data Linkage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Update (Andrew Waugh)• New Project Proposal (Emily Tweed)	<p>Andrew provided an update to the Health and Homelessness Data Linkage project. Andrew reported that the indexing was now complete and that the data had been collated in the safe haven and he planned to begin analysis in the near future. He reported that initial results could be expected in late Summer.</p> <p>All materials for the project can be found online at: http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Housing-Regeneration/RefTables/HealthHomelessnessDataLinkage</p> <p>Emily presented a proposal for a follow-up data linkage project which looks to reuse the indexing completed by Andrew's project plus combining with other datasets. Emily gave an overview of the rationale behind this research and the research questions she was hoping to answer. She also noted that this would cause no extra burden on LA's as it was reusing the data they had already provided.</p> <p>General consensus of those present was that they were happy for this additional research to go ahead and would be interested in seeing the results.</p> <p>All present agreed that Susan could provide Emily with their contact details.</p> <p>Update from Emily:</p> <p>Dear all</p> <p>I'm emailing with an update about our proposed data linkage project looking at the health of people with severe & multiple disadvantage.</p> <p>Thank you again for your time at the last Homelessness Statistics User Group - it was great to have the opportunity to present it and to discuss with a number of colleagues. If anyone else would like to ask any questions about the project or make any comments and hasn't yet done so, please do get in touch.</p> <p>With regard to next steps, we are planning to seek permission to re-use Andrew Waugh's dataset for the current homelessness & health linkage from the Scottish Government's Data Access Panel, which meets later this month. Following that, there is likely to be further correspondence with individual local authorities about the re-use of the data.</p> <p>I trust this update is helpful to colleagues but please don't hesitate to get in touch should you have any further questions - I'd be more than happy to discuss.</p>
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Item 6:	Homelessness Publication Timetable for 2017/18	<p>The statistics publication timetable for the year ahead was agreed at this meeting.</p>  <p>HSUG Paper 2 - Data Collection and Publica</p> <p>Susan noted that as discussed under Item 4, the HL3 data quality would be reviewed following the October data submission and a decision made whether to publish HL3 in early 2018 or whether to wait until the next annual publication.</p>

Item 7:	Any other business.	Susan noted that as of the start of July homelessness statistics was moving to a different team within Communities Analytical Division. There should be no impact on the collection or dissemination of data, however the new team leader will now be Joe Jobling (joseph.jobling@gov.scot) rather than Susan.
Item 8:	Date of next meeting.	<p>To be arranged. It was agreed that annual meetings were sufficient and that the best time to hold these would be February. This will allow any changes to the data specification to be discussed prior to the implementation in the new financial year and to present mid-year results which are published in January.</p> <p>The Homeless Statistics team will be in contact in December to arrange this.</p>

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