

## Data Management and Analysis Group

# Social Exclusion Data Team Workplan 2007/08



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## Introduction

This *Briefing* outlines the 2007/08 work programme for the Social Exclusion Data Team, based within the GLA's Data Management and Analysis Group. The report covers:

- The Role of the Team
- Staffing
- Clients and Stakeholder Liaison
- 2007/08 priorities
- The Work Programme
- Publications

## The Role of the Team

The role of the Social Exclusion Data Team is to analyse data in the field of social exclusion to ensure that the GLA and its partner agencies have the evidence base necessary to inform policy development in this area. The team provides expert advice and specialist skills in a range of data areas including: deprivation indices, income, benefits and labour market data. In order to meet the needs of the team's wide client base, the work programme aims to strike a balance between the following main areas of work:

- Tailored analysis and research designed to inform policy discussions through the identification of those Londoners most likely to suffer disadvantage and exclusion.
- Regular and routine updates of previous analysis to facilitate monitoring of GLA strategies and plans.
- Development of 'reference shelf' and 'key facts' material to help deal more efficiently with the numerous data requests the team receives.
- Development and maintenance of data holdings.
- Liaison/lobbying with the Office for National Statistics, the Department for Work and Pensions and other government departments to:
  - ensure that the GLA has access to the data it requires.
  - improve the quality and range of data available in this area.

The team makes its analysis and research available via the *DMAG Briefings* and *DMAG Updates* series, GLA reports and the GLA's dedicated social exclusion data extranet.

## Staffing

The Social Exclusion Data Team has two and a half full-time equivalent Senior Research and Statistical Analysts, as well as part of the time of the Demographic Consultant (John Hollis), who manages the Demography Team and the Education Team as well as the Social Exclusion Data Team.

Rachel Leeser works half time and has particular responsibility for government and other survey data as well as specialising on income data, the 2001 Census, household analyses and deprivation indices.

Lorna Spence is responsible for analyses of the Annual Population Survey and the Labour Force Survey as well as maintaining the monthly unemployment claimant count model and working with the 2001 Census.

Lovedeep Vaid is responsible for benefits and small area income data and also works on deprivation indices. He has a particular responsibility to support the *Case for London*.

## Clients and Stakeholder Liaison

The Team's main clients may be segmented as follows:

- Mayor's Office – for support on producing the evidence base for strategies and policy development
- London Child Poverty Commission
- GLA Directorates, particularly in relation to:
  - providing data analysis to support policy research on social inclusion issues
  - provision and development of monitoring data to assess GLA strategies
  - this includes work for and with GLA Economics
- Other teams in the Data Management and Analysis Group – particularly support for demography projects
- Greater London Assembly
- Functional Bodies, particularly the London Development Agency
- London boroughs and London Councils
- London Health Observatory

Academics, the media, the voluntary sector and various businesses working on public sector projects often seek the work and advice of the Team.

The Team has close working relationships with the Office for National Statistics (ONS), the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), the Communities and Local Government (CLG) Neighbourhood Renewal Unit and the ESRC Data Archive on data and analysis of social exclusion in London.

The Team holds regular meetings of the Social Exclusion Data Users Group, which includes representatives from the client groups mentioned above, including all London boroughs. SEDUG not only discusses the Team's work but is also a forum for sharing information about data developments and details of new and emerging analyses being carried out by local and central government.

Most of the Team's work, including the monthly claimant count model, is made available on the GLA Social Exclusion Extranet and is published as *DMAG Briefings* and *DMAG Updates*.

As part of the role of analysing and reporting on the circumstances of London's population, members of the Team represent London-wide interests on the following forums:

- CLIP Labour Market Statistics Subgroup
- CLIP Deprivation Subgroup – *currently in abeyance*
- GLA-ONS Labour Market Statistics Forum
- ONS Methods Advisory Committee
- CLG 2007 Index of Deprivation Advisory Group

The meetings of these groups, together with other ad-hoc meetings, enable the GLA to put London's case to government for better statistics and better access to government data. They also maintain the GLA's high national profile in the analysis of such data. Team members also attend a number other internal GLA forums, including the Demography Liaison Group and the Census User Group.

Much of the Team's work is developed through the Social Statistics Group (SSG), each monthly meeting of which is attended by at least one member of the Team. The SSG is run by the Mayor's Social Inclusion policy advisor and reports to the Mayor's Social Inclusion and Health Policy Team (SIHPT), which John Hollis attends. Another key stakeholder in the work programme is the London Child Poverty Commission.

The Team also regularly works with a range of GLA staff to ensure that key GLA strategy reports and events are supported in terms of analytical research and key facts (eg *Capital Women*, *State of Equality in London report*, *Disability Capital events*) and in assisting others in dealing with external requests for social exclusion information.

The field of research into social exclusion issues is a growing one with more academic, government and private organisations active in the field. The Team already works closely and cooperatively with ONS and DWP. Should time constraints allow the Team is willing to participate in joint agency working to help in forging future data and analysis alliances.

## 2007/08 Priorities

During 2007/08 the main priorities of the Team will be to prepare a range of analyses of new government and other data relevant to social exclusion/inclusion issues in London. As far as possible these analyses will look at subdivisions within London and make comparisons with other parts of the UK. All analysis will seek to identify and profile those Londoners most at risk of exclusion and, as a matter of course; data for key equalities groups are included in all social exclusion analyses wherever data allows.

The Team will provide data and expertise on relevant topics for the GLA family, the London boroughs and others.

Specific items will include:

- To produce analyses in support of the *London Child Poverty Commission*.
- Other key topic areas for 2007-08 will include:
  - Disability, poverty and worklessness
  - Analysis of new deprivation indices
  - Welfare benefits and ethnicity
  - Worklessness and housing  
(see next section for details)
- To provide alerting and data services to the GLA family, the London boroughs and others on new data produced by central government and other agencies relevant to the economic and social circumstances of Londoners. This will be done using *DMAG Briefings*, *DMAG Updates*, the GLA Social Exclusion Extranet and the Social Exclusion Data Users Group.
- To ensure that the Social Exclusion Extranet is updated regularly to accommodate all new analyses and the Team's *Briefings* and *Updates*.
- To hold three meetings of the Social Exclusion Data Users Group and other ad hoc meetings as may be necessary.
- To represent the GLA family and London boroughs at meetings with data providers, eg ONS and DWP, to ensure London's requirements and concerns are understood and, as far as possible, met.
- To respond to consultations relating to the future supply of relevant data.
- Support for areas of the Mayor's new powers, particularly in relation to skills, health and housing.

## The Work Programme

This section sets out the planned timetable of work through 2007/08 required to meet the team's objectives and the needs of key stakeholders. However, given the policy context of social exclusion analysis, unexpected issues and events will almost certainly arise that deflect the Team from the planned programme in order to meet revised objectives, particularly from the Mayor's Office. The development of work across the GLA family in relation to the Mayor's new powers as regards skills, health and housing will impact the work of the Team. This programme must therefore be considered as indicative and is more speculative in terms of reports planned for later in 2007 and during early 2008. The plan represents something to aim for and remains flexible to accommodate changing priorities and unplanned projects. For this reason, it is reviewed with the Mayor's Office every six months and is subject to change.

### Data Supply

The planned programme of work is critically dependent upon the availability of the data supplied mainly by ONS but also by other government departments and other organisations. Table 1 outlines the key data that should be made available during 2007/08, which underpins the team's planned analysis and research.

### Data Analysis

A range of analysis is planned across four key areas:

- Benefits
- Income and deprivation indices
- Labour market
- Other surveys

### *Benefits*

Benefits data provide a useful insight into social exclusion in London by providing proxy measures of unemployment, low pay, relative poverty, disability and ill health. Importantly, DWP data are some of the few inter-censal sources of data on patterns of relative poverty across small areas (Super Output Areas). During the last two years the Team had a major project underway which analysed benefits data for London. A modular analysis of receipt data for each benefit (including tax credits) were published in DMAG *Briefings* and on the website. Six *Briefings* were produced together with a major report *Who Benefits?* which was a co-production with the Policy Studies Unit.

- **Welfare benefits & ethnicity.**

During 2007/08, new data is expected from DWP on benefits receipt by ethnicity, which will provide an important new dimension for future analysis. The team plans to incorporate the new data into its regular update of benefits data, as soon as they become available.

**Table 1 Key Social Exclusion Data expected during 2007/08**

<b>Data</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Benefits</b>			
Income support	DWP	Quarterly/Annual	All DWP data are available quarterly at regional and LA level. Small area data are available annually for certain benefits.
Jobseekers Allowance	DWP	Quarterly/Annual	
Incapacity benefit	DWP	Quarterly/Annual	
Attendance Allowance	DWP	Quarterly/Annual	
Disability Living Allowance	DWP	Quarterly/Annual	
Tax Credits	HMRC	Quarterly	
Housing Benefit	DWP	Quarterly	
Council Tax Benefits	DWP	Quarterly	
Children in benefit households	DWP	Quarterly	
Ethnicity data on claimants	DWP	Not yet fixed	
<b>Income and Deprivation</b>			
Households Below Average Income 2005-06 and 2006-07	DWP	Annual (March 2007 and March 2008)	Datasets obtained directly from DWP by special agreement
Family Resources Survey 2005-06	DWP	Annual (March 2007)	
PayCheck household income data 2006	CACI	Autumn 2007	
Small area household income data	ONS	2007	Revisions/enhancements
Indices of Multiple Deprivation	CLG	Autumn 2007	
<b>Labour Market</b>			
Annual Population Survey	ONS	Quarterly (for last 12 months)	Restricted dataset (special licence)
Labour Force Survey Quarterly	ONS	Quarterly	Plus monthly estimates
Labour Force Survey Household dataset	ONS	Bi-annual	January/July
Annual Population Survey Household dataset	ONS	July 2007	New dataset
Unemployment Claimant Count	ONS	Monthly	Input to GLA model

## ***Income and Deprivation Indices***

Data about household income is used by the government to set child poverty targets and the team has a regular programme of analysis in place to produce benchmarking data for London. The work programme for 2007 will include analysis of the Households Below Average Income (HBAI) data for 2005/06. In depth analysis is planned using the HBAI datasets and will focus on children living below the poverty line. The results will be incorporated in the update report on child poverty indicators. The team will also be exploring the feasibility of using HBAI data to produce poverty rates by disability for London, with a focus on disabled parents.

The Team will analyse modelled small area income estimates for London – equivalised and unequivalised<sup>1</sup>. ONS and CACI (a private supplier) provide these data. Analysis in 2007 will again concentrate on CACI PayCheck data but will also consider ONS data if it is updated.

The Team analyses deprivation indices for London and the latest data were the ODPM 2004 Indices of Deprivation. CLG started work on updating these indices in 2006, however this stalled in the autumn when it was realised that ONS would be revising the mid-year population estimates some time in Summer 2007. No major developments are now expected until Autumn 2007. The Team is represented on the Advisory Group and will keep GLA and stakeholders informed of developments and consultation on this project.

Three projects are planned for 2007/08 on the theme of the geography of poverty and deprivation in London:

(i) Analysis of the *Indices of Deprivation 2007* (expected in late 2007).

The team is leading on making London's case in relation to the updating of the CLG's indices and will be analysing the data as soon as they are released.

(ii) *Deprivation in London: what different indices say*: A comprehensive report that will look at the 2007 indices within the context of previous deprivation indices for London.

(iii) *Poverty indicators for London boroughs*: an authoritative reference publication designed to answer one of the team's most frequently asked questions "Which is the poorest, or most deprived, borough?" This will be updated annually.

## ***Labour Market***

The Team regularly analyses data on labour market participation in London and work includes profiling of groups most likely to be excluded from the labour market as well as considering the employment patterns of those active in the labour market. The Team uses various sources of labour market data including the recently introduced Annual Population Survey (APS), which the GLA has secured under special licence from the ONS.

The APS replaces the *Annual local area Labour Force Survey* dataset and data are now available quarterly. The Team also continues to use Quarterly Labour Force Survey datasets (particularly household level datasets), which underpin the APS and are

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<sup>1</sup> Equivalised income data takes account of household size and composition when comparing household income between areas. These data consider the amount of money different sized families need to obtain the same standard of living and provide a better like for like comparison of income data between different areas.

available separately. These are all large surveys that provide a wide range of data on the scale and nature of labour market participation of Londoners at both the individual and household level. Where survey data cannot provide the detail required the Team continues to draw on 2001 Census or administrative data. In 2007, various labour market projects are planned using these sources. These include:

- **Child Poverty and the LCPC.**

Further work on child poverty including: provision of annual monitoring data to the LCPC on the labour market position of London's parents and analysis of new household level APS data on workless households with children.

- **Monthly Claimant Count**

The team plan to maintain and develop the GLA claimant count model that generates claimant count rates by age and ward for London every month. In early 2008, the Team plans to revise the model to ensure the labour force base is in line with the latest demographic data consistent with that being used for the *Review of the London Plan and produce a guidance Briefing*. The model will be run each month and data published on the day of release.

- **Worklessness and housing tenure**

This project will analyse APS data on worklessness and housing tenure in London by profiling the labour market position of those living in different types of housing in London. The analysis will inform the development of the Mayor's Housing Strategy.

As well as project work, the Team will be providing a range of labour market data for monitoring purposes within the GLA throughout the year (eg *London Plan* monitoring, sustainability indicators, workforce monitoring and GLA best value indicators).

### ***Requests and reference publications***

As well as tailored project work the Team deals with a wide range of enquiries and ad hoc requests for analysis. To help deal with these the Team has introduced two 'key facts' series into the work plan:

- Londoners and the labour market
- Poverty indicators for London

Both series will comprise an annual Briefing, supplemented by a range of shorter 'key facts' updates. Where relevant, data relating to child poverty and parents will be prioritised to meet the needs of the Child Poverty Commission.

The poverty indicators series is being used as a pilot to develop new ways of presenting data online. In early 2007 the Team placed on the Extranet *Poverty Profile* spreadsheets, showing poverty data and national rankings for all London boroughs from a range of sources. These sheets will be enhanced during 2007 as more recent data from PayCheck, DWP, LFS and APS are released. The data will be accompanied by an annual reference publication.

## ***Longer Term Priorities***

As well as updating regular data series, a number of potential projects and issues are beginning to emerge which are likely to form part of the work programme during 2007 and 2008. These include:

- **Households and Families**  
During 2005/06, the Team explored new analytical methods with regard to household and family level analysis. This has enabled a better understanding of the circumstances of London's parents and children. The Team plans to continue exploring new data in this area. A new dataset that ONS is working on is a household version of the Annual Population Survey, which will provide a larger sample than the current household Labour Force Survey dataset. This data is expected in Summer 2007 and will provide an important new resource for analysis of child poverty issues. The GLA hopes to obtain access to this data to improve on existing research on workless households and parental employment rates in London.
- **The Integrated Household Survey (IHS)**  
ONS is working towards the introduction of the IHS in 2008. The IHS will involve the integration of five existing ONS household surveys, including the APS/LFS. The integration relates to both the running of the surveys as well as issues such as content and outputs, though detailed plans are still being finalised. The team will be keeping fully abreast of IHS developments, and will be lobbying ONS to ensure that the GLA has full and timely access to these data. The team will also make it a priority to develop expertise in these important new data as they become available.
- **Trend Analysis and Monitoring**  
Given that the Team has only been in place (in its current form) for a few years, most work to date has focused on establishing baseline data about Londoners. The Team has also spent considerable time in setting up new systems and negotiating access to various ONS and DWP data. In 2008 the Team hopes to build on this by exploring trend data for London, more particularly in the area of labour market participation and child poverty.
- ***Focus on London 2008***  
It is likely that DMAG will wish to build on its joint project with ONS: *Focus on London 2007*, to produce its own compendium volume in 2008. Such a publication will require tailored input from the Social Exclusion Data Team to be specified.

## Publications

The team has published the following *DMAG Briefings* and *Updates* in 2006 and the early part of 2007:

- Parents and Work in London
- Claimant Count Model 2006 (with Demography Team)
- Benefits Data for London: No 4 Housing and Council Tax Benefits
- Social Exclusion Team Workplan 2006/07
- Benefits Data for London: No 5 Pension Benefits
- Child Poverty in London
- Benefits Data for London: No 6 Tax Credits
- Families and Children's Study 2004
- A Profile of Londoners by First Language
- Review of the 2001 Census Small Area Microdata (with Census Team)
- Children Dependent on Benefits by Parliamentary Constituencies
- Londoners and the Labour Market: Key Facts
- Women and the Labour Market in London: Key Facts
- PayCheck 2006: Unequalised and Equalised Household Income
- Who Benefits?
- Claimant Groups by Type and Benefit
- HBAI 2004-05
- Individual weekly incomes
- Destinations of Benefit Leavers
- Updating ID2004
- JSA Claimants by Ethnic Group
- Claimant count model 2007 (with Demography Team)
- Disabled people and the labour market
- Child Tax Credits
- London Borough poverty indicators
- Worklessness and Tenure: Headlines
- Poverty Rates 2005-06 (HBAI)

The Team is planning to publish the following *DMAG Briefings* and reports during 2007/08:

- Children in workless households (Spring)
- Employment rates of parents in London (Spring)
- Child poverty: annual update of key indicators for LCPC (Summer)
- Income poverty in London (Summer)
- Income poverty, parents and disability (Summer)
- Worklessness and housing tenure (Autumn)
- PayCheck household income 2007 (Autumn)
- Londoners and the labour market: key facts (Autumn)
- Benefits receipt 2006 (Autumn)
- Deprivation in London: indicators compared (Winter)
- ID2007 results and analysis (Winter)
- Workless households in London: APS 2006 analysis (Winter)

- Claimant count model 2008 (Winter)
- London borough poverty indicators 2008 update (Spring 2008)
- A profile of Londoners by first language: update (Spring 2008)

These will be supplemented with a range of *Updates*, which will report on new data from ONS and others, including NatCen surveys.

New data on benefits and poverty indicators will be added to the Social Exclusion Extranet site and be linked to the appropriate reports.

## Regular Briefings from the GLA Data Management and Analysis Group

Recent DMAG Briefings:

DMAG 2006/5	GLA Resident Labour Force Projections	John Hollis
DMAG 2006/6	Parents and Work in London	Lorna Spence
DMAG 2006/7	Claimant Count Model: Technical Note 2006	Lorna Spence / Georgia Hay
DMAG 2006/8	Demography Team Workplan 2006-07	John Hollis
DMAG 2006/9	Benefits Data for London: No. 4: Housing and Council Tax Benefits	Lovedeep Vaid
DMAG 2006/10	Household Representative Rates: Technical Report	Georgia Hay
DMAG 2006/11	Borough and Sub-regional Demographic Profiles, 2006	Georgia Hay
DMAG 2006/12	Interim Household Projections	John Hollis / Georgia Hay
DMAG 2006/13	Social Exclusion Team Workplan 2006-07	John Hollis
DMAG 2006/14	Benefits Data for London: No 5 Pension Benefits	Lovedeep Vaid
DMAG 2006/15	Census Information Note 2006-2	Giorgio Finella
DMAG 2006/17	Sub-Regional Demographic Profiles 2006	Georgia Hay
DMAG 2006/18	Independence for Statistics	John Hollis
DMAG 2006/19	Child Poverty in London	Lorna Spence (Ed)
DMAG 2006/20	Benefits Data for London: 6 Tax Credits	Lovedeep Vaid
DMAG 2006/21	Family and Children's Study 2004	Lovedeep Vaid
DMAG 2006/22	GLA 2005 Round Interim Ethnic Group Population Projections	Baljit Bains / Edmund Klodawski
DMAG 2006/24	National Insurance Registrations by overseas nationals	Gareth Piggott
DMAG 2006/26	A Profile of Londoners by First Language	Lorna Spence
DMAG 2006/27	2001 Census Profile: Jewish population of London	Gareth Piggott / Rob Lewis
DMAG 2006/28	Review of the 2001 Census Small Area Microdata	Rachel Leeser / Giorgio Finella
DMAG 2006/29	Children dependent on benefits by Parliamentary Constituencies	Lovedeep Vaid
DMAG 2006/30	Londoners and the labour market: key facts	Lorna Spence
DMAG 2006/31	The Census Language Needs Indicator	Gareth Piggott
DMAG 2006/32	GLA 2006 Round Demographic projections	John Hollis
DMAG 2006/33	Women and the labour market in London: Key facts	Lorna Spence
DMAG 2006/34	PayCheck 2006: Unequalised and Equalised Household Income	Lovedeep Vaid
DMAG 2006/35	Greater London Demographic Review 2005	Caroline Hall
DMAG 2007-01	DCLG 2003-based household projections	John Hollis
DMAG 2007-02	Claimant Count Model: Technical Note 2007	Lorna Spence / Caroline Hall
DMAG 2007-03	Commuting in London	Gareth Piggott
DMAG 2007-04	Who Benefits?	Lovedeep Vaid
DMAG 2007-05	Disabled People and the Labour Market	Lorna Spence

A full list of DMAG Briefings is available to internal customers through the GLA Intranet; otherwise please contact [dmag.info@london.gov.uk](mailto:dmag.info@london.gov.uk) A CD containing PDF versions of the Briefings, or hard copies, can be provided.

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