

## Data Management and Analysis Group

### Social Exclusion Data Team Workplan 2008/09



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## Introduction

This *Briefing* outlines the 2008/09 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
- 2008/09 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 and advice to GLA staff on data matters
- 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 with, and lobbying, 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.

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 and Education Teams as well as the Social Exclusion Data Team.

Rachel Leaser works half time and has particular responsibility for government and other survey data as well as specialising on income data, 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.

Lovedeep Vaid is responsible for benefits and small area income data and also works on deprivation indices.

## 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
- 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

For the previous two years the Team worked extensively with the London Child Poverty Commission. While the work of the Commission was completed in February 2008 the Team will continue to monitor child poverty issues.

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 (SEDUG), 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 as well as other agencies and business.

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 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 reports to the Mayor's Social Inclusion and Health Policy Team (SIHPT), which John Hollis attends. Another key stakeholder in the work programme has been the London Child Poverty Commission, monitoring work in this area will continue following the completion of the LCPC's original remit.

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 Team also has a role in GLA workforce monitoring.

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.

## 2008/09 Priorities

In addition to regular areas of analysis, the work programme for 2008 includes the following project areas:

- **Deprivation in London**  
Three related projects are planned:
  - *Indices of Deprivation 2007*: The team will be analysing the new indices of deprivation in some detail and the results will be published in early 2008.
  - *ID2007 for wards*: To meet the demands for ward level deprivation measures, this report will include summary measures of the ID2007 for wards in London boroughs.
  - *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.
  
- **A profile of migrant Londoners**  
The team is planning to update previous work on London's migrant population, using the 2006 Annual Population Survey. A report was published early in 2008 that presented demographic data on the size and composition of London's population by country of birth. This will be followed by a labour market profile of migrant Londoners later in the year.
  
- **Benefits analysis: Tax benefit modelling and ethnicity data**  
The team will be working with the DWP's tax benefit model to build scenarios and examine poverty trap issues in London. This work is a new area for the team and the first project will be a scoping analysis to see what can be gleaned from the model. New data has also just become available on ethnic group of lone parents in receipt of income support. The team aims to explore this important new data early in 2008.
  
- **Child Poverty**  
The team will continue monitoring key data on child poverty and will be reporting on scoping work on poverty rates among disabled parents.
  
- **Survey data for London**  
The team is planning to continue developing expertise and knowledge of survey data and will be exploring the potential of various new surveys. These include the Wealth and Assets Survey, the UK Household Longitudinal Survey and the London Travel Demand Survey. In each case, the potential of these surveys to offer regional level data on social inclusion will be the focus of the work.

Across all work areas, where feasible, planned projects will draw out data on the main equalities groups, migrant Londoners and also on children and parents. By mainstreaming these types of analysis, the team hopes to make outputs as relevant as possible to a wide range of clients. During 2008, the team will also be contributing to a

range of GLA publications including: *Focus on London 2008*, *Women in London* and the *State of Equality in London*. The team is also a key provider of monitoring data across a wide range of GLA strategies and plans (eg the Sustainability Commission, the London Plan, the Corporate Plan, etc).

## **The Work Programme**

This section sets out the planned timetable of work through 2008/09 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 continue to 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 2008 and during early 2009. 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. See the list of planned publications on page 10 for main outputs.

### ***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 private sector organisations. Table 1 outlines the key data that should be made available during 2008/09, which underpins the team's planned analysis and research.

### ***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.

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

**Table 1 Key Social Exclusion Data expected during 2008/09**

<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	DWP is still planning to release these data - a benefit at a time. However, no release dates are available.
<b>Income and Deprivation</b>			
Households Below Average Income: 2006/07 and 2007/08	DWP	Annual (March)	Currently in negotiation with DWP for access to these data.
Family Resources Survey: 2006/07 and 2007/08	DWP	Annual (March)	
PayCheck household income data: 2007	CACI	Autumn/Winter 2008	
Small area household income data	ONS	2008	ONS plans to revise and update the experimental figures for 2004/05.
<b>Labour Market</b>			
Annual Population Survey	ONS	Quarterly (for last 12 months)	Restricted dataset on special licence.
Labour Force Survey Quarterly	ONS	Quarterly	Plus monthly estimates.
Labour Force Survey Household dataset	ONS	Bi-annual (January and July)	
Annual Population Survey Household dataset	ONS	2008	
Unemployment Claimant Count	ONS	Monthly	Input to GLA model.

### ***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. These include:

- **The Integrated Household Survey (IHS)**  
ONS is working towards the phased 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 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.

## Publications 2007/08

The team has published the following *DMAG Briefings* and *Updates* in 2007 and the early part of 2008:

- Claimant Count Model 2007
- Who Benefits?
- Disabled People and the Labour Market
- Social Exclusion Team Workplan 2007/08
- Worklessness and Housing Tenure
- Poverty Figures 2005/06 (HBAI)
- Child Tax Credit
- Disposable Household Income (1995-2005)
- Working Age Benefits
- Child Poverty in London
- Employment Rates of Parents 2006
- Children in Workless Households 2006
- Job Seekers Allowance by Ethnicity 2006
- Family and Children's Study 2005
- Profile of Londoners by Housing Tenure
- Survey Data for London
- Londoners and the Labour Market
- Benefit Claimants 2006
- Unemployment by Ethnicity 2007
- ONS Model-based Income Estimates 2004/05
- Poverty Profiles
- Deprivation in London (ID2007)
- Employment rates by Ethnicity
- PayCheck 2007
- Profile of Londoners by Country of Birth
- Claimant Count Model 2008
- Family Resources Survey 2005/06

## Planned Publications 2008/09

The Team is planning to publish the following DMAG *Briefings, Updates* and reports during 2008/09:

- Lone Parents on Income Support by Ethnicity (Spring)
- ID2007 – detailed results and analysis (Spring)
- ID2007 – ward level analysis (Spring)
- Income Poverty in London (HBAI 2006/07) (Spring)
- Poverty Trap Scenarios – DWP Tax Benefit Model (Spring)
- Children in Workless Households 2007 (Spring)
- Employment Rates of Parents 2007 (Spring)
- Qualifications and Employment (Spring)
- Children in Benefit Families (Summer)
- Child Poverty – annual LCPC indicators (Summer)
- Focus on London 2008 – poverty and labour force chapters (Summer)
- Deprivation in London: indicators compared (Summer)
- Employment Rates by Country of Birth (Summer)
- Benefits Receipt 2007 (Summer)
- Borough Poverty Profiles 2008 update (Autumn)
- Londoners and the Labour Market 2007 APS (Autumn)
- PayCheck 2008 (Autumn/Winter)
- Ward Poverty Profiles (Winter)
- Claimant Count Model 2009 (Winter)

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 (DMAG)

### Recent DMAG Briefings 2008:

2008-01	Census Information Note 2008-1	Eileen Howes
2008-02	<a href="#">PayCheck 2007</a>	Lovedeep Vaid
2008-03	GLA 2007 Round Ethnic Group Projections	Baljit Bains
2008-04	<a href="#">Council Tax Analysis</a>	Elizabeth Williams
2008-05	<a href="#">A Profile of Londoners by Country of Birth</a>	Lorna Spence
2008-06	Claimant Count Model 2008: Technical Note	Lorna Spence
2008-07	GLA 2007 Round Demographic Projections	John Hollis
2008-08	Greater London Authority Constituency Profiles	Elizabeth Williams & Caroline Hall
2008-09	<a href="#">Family Resources Survey 2005/06: Results for London</a>	Lovedeep Vaid
2008-10	London Borough Migration: 2001-06	John Hollis

### Recent DMAG Briefings 2007:

2007-16	<a href="#">Key Facts for Diverse Communities: Ethnicity and Faith</a>	Baljit Bains
2007-17	<a href="#">A profile of Londoners by housing tenure</a>	Lorna Spence
2007-18	<a href="#">Londoners and the Labour Market: key facts</a>	Lorna Spence
2007-19	<a href="#">Benefit Claimants in London 2006</a>	Lovedeep Vaid
2007-20	<a href="#">Worker Registration Scheme</a>	Elizabeth Williams
2007-21	Economic Activity Rates in London	Richard Cameron & Giorgio Finella
2007-22	ONS Model-Based Income Estimates: 2004/05	Lovedeep Vaid
2007-23	<a href="#">Background to DMAG Poverty Profiles</a>	Lovedeep Vaid
2007-24	<a href="#">Counting the Population: GLA Submission to the Treasury Sub-Committee</a>	John Hollis
2007-25	Census Information Note 2007-2	Giorgio Finella

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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