

## **Data Management and Analysis Group**

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## **General Statistics team work plan 2008**

### **The Role of the Team**

The role of the General Statistics team is primarily to produce an annual compendium of London statistics. The team will produce a Focus on London publication every year. ONS may want to be involved in the production of this and it has been agreed with Adrian Jones (ONS regional post) that we will liaise with him each June whether or not ONS want to be involved in the following years' publication or not. The team looks forward to further developing close working relationships with ONS staff over the course of these projects. Working on the in-house version of Focus on London will allow the team to work on topics that ONS do not want to include and publish the data on an annual basis and also to retain a greater control over the project.

In the period between June and November, when work on Focus on London is at its lowest level, the team will produce a Borough statistics leaflet and data disc. This was predominantly instigated from demand for more Borough level data to be made available and analysed. The first one of these was released in December 2007. It was well received and has generated a large response following its distribution. During the first part of 2008 1,500 copies have been disseminated.

Other responsibilities of the team include providing expertise in a wide range of London-relevant data, including international and historical material.

The team provides expert advice and specialist skills in a range of data areas that will develop over the course of the year. Topics that are likely to be covered are:

- o crime, (though this has been taken forward more by LASS)
- o environment (including air emissions and land use)
- o Urban Audit
- o vehicle data
- o road accidents
- o housing
- o disability – including use of APS health data
- o leisure
- o lifestyle
- o tourism
- o public services
- o elections

Although other topics such as Vital Statistics, migration and health are covered by other teams within DMAG, there is likely to be some overlap in the data that is held and analysed by both teams.

## **Main projects carried out in 2007/08**

In June, *Focus on London 2007* was released. Focus on London is a statistical digest relating to some of the key subjects affecting the capital. It brings together a wide range of demographic, social and economic datasets from the ONS and other Government Departments, as well as data collected by the GLA.

### **Abstract:**

Focus on London is a statistical report that provides a broad picture of London. It is aimed at both general and specialist readers, providing information that is detailed but not exhaustive. The report includes in-depth commentaries for five key topics (Population and Migration, Education and Training, Labour Market, Child Poverty and Environment) illustrated by charts and maps, as well as numerous tables. Many of the tables, maps or charts in the report set London figures alongside those for the UK or England as a whole while several include data at individual borough level.

In January 2008, the team released the GLA's first ever Borough stat-pack called *Focus on London Borough Statistics 2008*.

### **Abstract:**

This product features over 80 tables of borough level data on a CD. The leaflet provides analysis of key borough facts and the spreadsheets contain the full data tables concerning the topics examined in the leaflet, and plenty more in addition. This borough stat pack provides Londoners with relevant and practical data on their area. It aims to be a useful reference for experts, as well as to those readers who want to find out more about London at a borough level.

The team have produced three Briefings (Summary of Social Trends 2007, Workers Registration Scheme and Council tax analysis) and one Update (National Insurance Number registrations). The team have also completed the 2008 Constituency profiles.

The team have constructed a comprehensive collection of all elections reports (1964 to present day) on a single CD. The reports detail the results of elections in which Londoners have voted.

The team has recently set up its own Extranet page where more detail of our work can be found.

## **Staffing**

The General Statistics team has been staffed for a long time by Michael Minors and Dennis Grenham, who both retired in 2006. There will be two full-time posts within the team, a Senior Research and Statistical Analyst and a Research and Statistical Analyst.

Gareth Piggott has been installed in the Senior Research and Statistical Analyst post as of Monday 22nd January 2007. This was an internal appointment and Gareth will be able to use many of his skills gained while working with the Census team in this new role.

Elizabeth Williams took up her post on 12th March 2007 and came from the London office of the Welsh Assembly. Liz has already proved to be a valuable member of the team. She has attended various GLA training courses, has taken part in the GLA volunteering scheme and significantly has recently embarked on the Women's Development and Coaching programme.

Gareth has secured use of Adobe Creative Suites 3 for the team. Liz has attended In-design training and Gareth has attended Photoshop training.

## **Clients and Stakeholder Liaison**

The team will work to achieve the aims of DMAG and the requirements of the GLA. This will include the Mayor, the Assembly, functional bodies and the London boroughs.

The team will work closely with other teams in DMAG and other key parts of the GLA including GLA Economics and Information Services.

The team will provide an information request service to the media, the public, businesses, public sector organisations and academics upon request. Furthermore, all Freedom of Information queries will be dealt with in an efficient manner.

## **2008/09 priorities**

The team will use their own expertise and draw on the skills of experts within their fields in DMAG in order to produce the annual 'Focus on London' (FOL). The main priority is to work on Focus on London.

Gareth is leading in the layout and production of the document using Adobe In-design. The style will be produced to match closely with recent ONS publications such as Social Trends and Regional Trends but also offer continuity with past versions of Focus on London as much as possible. Gareth is responsible for editing all chapters and will also author some sections, including the Health chapter. Gareth is gaining access to the Special License APS data set via the Data Archive currently accessed by the Social Exclusion team. It is hoped data from this will also form part of a health/disability briefing.

Liz will manage the Transport and Housing chapters as well as author the Environment chapter. Gareth will also provide data and ideas for other chapters. Gareth will be liaising with authors to see that they provide chapters to spec and within deadlines.

There will be some liaison with Government Office for London (GOL) and the London Development Agency (LDA) over possible contribution towards funding for FoL. TFL and LFEPA may also want to contribute to the final report.

The topics that will be in Focus on London 2008 are:

- o Population and Migration
- o Labour Market
- o Economy and Industry
- o Diversity
- o Housing
- o Poverty
- o Income and Lifestyles
- o Education
- o Crime
- o Transport
- o Environment
- o Health and Disability

The authors for each chapter were agreed by January 2008. Drafts were expected by March 2008. Editing and typesetting took place between March and May.

Once this document is published, planning for FoL2009 will begin.

### **Borough Stat-pack 2009**

The stat-pack will follow a similar layout to the one recently produced. There will be improvements made to the data disc, which we hope will include an auto-run function and Geowise files for use with SASPAC. The team will liase further with Alan Lewis in the Autumn with regard to including these kinds of mapping files.

### **Elections**

Funding for the external production of this report was gained from the London returning officers annual budget. Gareth has held meetings with the London Elects team and Michael Minors in order to set up the arrangement for authoring of the 2008 Mayoral elections book. This will be authored by Michael with assistance from the team. The team will act as a link between the data providers (London Elects) and Michael. The team will process the data when it first arrives and pass on more workable files to Michael. Work on analysis of results will begin at the start of June and last until end of August. The team will also organise printing and launch of the report in around September.

The team have managed the scanning of past elections reports from 1964 to 1998. All the PDFs of the reports up to 2006 will be placed onto a CD that will be distributed to Elections

officers in Boroughs and other interested parties within the GLA. Liz is managing the design and production of the CDs.

### **Other work**

The team will be collecting and assembling data. Whenever a new and important dataset is available, the team will collect and disseminate the data as necessary. This will particularly apply to new government data via ONS and other departments for example Department of Work and Pensions, the Home Office, Department for Education and Skills, Department of Health, Department of Communities and Local Government, Department of the Environment, Sport England, Inland Revenue, Metropolitan Police Authority, London Fire Brigade, Department for Transport, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency, Office of Deputy Prime Minister.

Either ad-hoc or regular updates and briefings will be produced where necessary. Where possible, the content of any briefings can be re-used in authoring chapters for the next FoL.

There is already a considerable amount of historical data held on databases within the team. This will need updating where possible so that a complete set of data is held for time-series purposes.

There is likely to be a significant number of enquiries relating to data not covered by other DMAG teams. The team will endeavour to respond to all of these as efficiently as possible. This may involve researching new datasets and bringing them in-house.

Liz is also working on the completion of the Constituency Profiles that were started by Caroline in the Demography team, who left DMAG in January 2008.

## **The Work Programme 2008/09**

January – June – Focus on London

June – September – Elections report

September – December- Focus on London Borough Statistics

Interspersed between all projects will be DMAG briefings. Liz is authoring most of these reports. Last year she wrote the Social Trends summary, Workers Registration Scheme report and Council Tax report.

Planned Briefings include

- o Social Trends 38 summary
- o 2008 elections results summary (by Gareth)
- o Alcohol consumption
- o Housing Affordability

Elections report CD and Constituency profiles to be completed in February/March.

Team members must attend all relevant meetings, launches and conferences as and when they occur.

The team is currently setting up its own Extranet page with the Webteam. It will contain much of the data from the Borough Stat-pack as well as the Elections reports where possible.

## **Publications**

At this stage Focus on London 2008, London elections 2008 and Focus on London Boroughs 2009 are the planned publications. However, briefings and other reports will be produced when necessary. Along with this the websites will be kept updated.



## 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	<a href="#">GLA 2007 Round Ethnic Group Projections</a>	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	<a href="#">GLA 2007 Round Demographic Projections</a>	John Hollis
2008-08	<a href="#">Greater London Authority Constituency Profiles</a>	Elizabeth Williams & Caroline Hall
2008-09	<a href="#">Family Resources Survey 2005/06: Results for London</a>	Lovedeep Vaid
2008-10	<a href="#">London Borough Migration 2001-06</a>	John Hollis
2008-11	Social Exclusion Data Team Workplan 2008/09	Social Exclusion Data Team
2008-12	Demography Team Workplan 2008/09	John Hollis
2008-13	Education Team Workplan 2008/09	David Ewens
2008-14	Census Team Workplan 2008/09	Eileen Howes
2008-16	GIS Team Workplan 2008/09	Gareth Baker
2008-17	Lone Parents on Income Support by Ethnic Group	Lovedeep Vaid

### *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	<a href="#">ONS Model-based Income Estimates: 2004/05</a>	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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