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Introduction

The publication of this year's workplan has been delayed by the Organising for Delivery (OfD) agenda. The Social Exclusion Team has been part of the Data Management and Analysis Group (DMAG) within the Communities and Intelligence Directorate. As a result of OfD it will become part of the Intelligence Unit reporting to the Assistant Director of Intelligence.

The report covers:

- The Role of the Team
- Staffing
- Clients and Stakeholder Liaison
- 2009/10 Priorities
- The Work Programme
- Publications

The Role of the Team

The role of the Social Exclusion 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 Team has had 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 Team. However, as part of the *Organising for Delivery* agenda one of the two currently vacant posts has been deleted. This document assumes, therefore, that the full complement will be 1.5 FTE, but that level of resource will not be available before late 2009.

The one current member of staff is Rachel Leeser who 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.

The currently vacant post will be responsible for analyses of the Annual Population Survey and the Labour Force Survey, maintaining the monthly unemployment claimant count model, benefits and small area income data.

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 Intelligence Unit – 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 (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 Deprivation Subgroup – *currently in abeyance*
- GLA-ONS Labour Market Statistics Forum (with GLA Economics)– *currently in abeyance awaiting full GLA staffing*
- GSS Methodology Advisory Committee
- CLG Indices 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 monthly meetings of the Social Statistics Group (SSG). The SSG also includes representatives of the Housing and Homelessness Team and the Social Inclusion Team.

The Team worked extensively with the former London Child Poverty Commission. While the work of the Commission was completed in February 2008 the Team will continue to monitor child poverty issues through use of the Annual Population Survey, Family Resources Survey and the associated Households Below Average Income data.

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, 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.

2009/10 Priorities

In addition to regular areas of analysis, the work programme for 2009/10 includes the following project areas:

- **Deprivation in London**
 - ***Indices of Deprivation***: The team will maintain contact with CLG via the ID Advisory Group to ensure that the development of future national indicators reflect the specific situations of Londoners.
- **Benefits and Poverty**

The team will continue monitoring key data on poverty.
- **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 2009/10, the team will also be contributing to a range of GLA publications including drafting chapters for *Focus on London 2010*. 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 programme of work through 2009/10 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 2009 and during early 2010. The plan represents something to aim for and remains flexible to accommodate changing priorities and unplanned projects. For this reason, it will be reviewed with the Assistant Director of Intelligence at regular intervals. 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 2009/10, 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 2008 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 new 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 2009/10

Data	Provider	Timing	Comments
Benefits			
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.
Income and Deprivation			
Households Below Average Income: 2007/08	DWP	Annual (May)	Restricted dataset on special licence.
Family Resources Survey: 2007/08	DWP	Annual (May)	
PayCheck: household income data: 2009	CACI	Summer 2009	
Small area household income data	ONS	Autumn 2009	ONS plans to revise and update the experimental figures for 2004/05.
Labour Market			
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	?	
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 started 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 2009 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 2008/09

The team has published the following *DMAG Briefings* and *Updates* in 2008 and the early part of 2009:

- PayCheck 2007
- Profile of Londoners by Country of Birth
- Claimant Count Model 2008
- Family Resources Survey 2005/06
- Social Exclusion Team Workplan 2008/09
- Lone Parents on income Support by Ethnicity
- Index of Deprivation 2007
- Index of Deprivation 2007 (Wards)
- Children in Benefit Families
- Londoners and the Labour Market
- Child Poverty in London
- PayCheck 2008
- Poverty Profiles
- Employment Rates by Ethnicity
- Children in Workless Households
- Family and Children's Study 2006
- Employment Rates of Parents 2007
- Employment Rates by Qualifications 2007
- Poverty Figures 2006/07 (HBAI)
- Wealth and Assets Survey
- Unemployment in London (Sept 2008)
- Unemployment in London (Mar 2009)
- Unemployment in London (Sept 2009)
- Claimant Count Model 2009

Planned Publications 2009/10

The Team is planning to publish the following DMAG *Briefings, Updates* and reports during 2009/10:

- Income Poverty in London (HBAI 2007/08)
- Child Poverty – annual LCPC indicators
- Benefits Receipt 2007
- Borough Poverty Profiles 2009 update
- PayCheck 2009
- Ward Poverty Profiles
- Quarterly and Monthly Unemployment
- Claimant Count Model 2010
- Focus on London 2010 – preparation of poverty and labour force chapters

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:

2008-04	Council Tax Analysis	Elizabeth Williams
2008-05	A Profile of Londoners by Country of Birth	Lorna Spence
2008-08	Greater London Authority Constituency Profiles	Elizabeth Williams & Caroline Hall
2008-09	Family Resources Survey 2005/06: Results for London	Lovedeep Vaid
2008-10	London Borough Migration 2001-06	John Hollis
2008-15	2001 Census Profiles: Black Caribbeans in London	Richard Cameron
2008-17	Lone Parents on Income Support by Ethnic Group	Lovedeep Vaid
2008-18	Schools Key Facts and Trends 2003-07	Shen Cheng
2008-19	2008 Elections results summary	Gareth Piggott
2008-21	Indices of Deprivation 2007: A London perspective	Rachel Leaser
2008-22	London Ward Level Summary Measures for the Indices of Deprivation 2007	Rachel Leaser
2008-24	2001 Census: Ethnic Group Migration Structures (as used in Model)	Baljit Bains/Ed Klodawski
2008-26	London Council By-Election Results, May 2006 to July 2008	Gareth Piggott
2008-27	Social Selection, Social Sorting and Education; "Missing" Children	David Ewens
2008-28	Summary of Social Trends 2008	Elizabeth Williams
2008-29	Children in Benefit Families 2007	Lovedeep Vaid
2008-30	Londoners and the Labour Market: Key Facts	Lorna Spence
2008-31	Child Poverty In London: 2008 Update	Social Exclusion Data Team
2008-33	Paycheck 2008	Lovedeep Vaid
2008-34	Background Poverty Profiles	Lovedeep Vaid
2009-01	Claimant Count Model 2009: Technical Note	Social Exclusion Data Team
2009-02	GLA 2008 Round Demographic Projections	John Hollis/Jessica Chamberlain
2009-03	Greater London Demographic Review 2007	John Hollis
2009-04	Census Information Note 2009-1	Eileen Howes
2009-05	Census Information Note 2009-2	Eileen Howes
2009-06	2001 Census Consortium and Information Scheme	Eileen Howes
2009-07	2009 European Election Results for London	Gareth Piggott
2009-08	GLA 2008 Round Ethnic Group Population Projections	Ed Klodawski

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

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