

APPENDIX C: LGA Financial Hardship Demand Dashboard

Overview

This will be a LGA product with an overarching aim of tracking the impact of COVID-19 on economic vulnerability and financial hardship by capturing a consistent data set across councils. It is intended that this can be used to; inform the design of support services, encourage greater partnership working, help make the case for resources and funding as well as aid the development of effective recovery approaches.

Link to risk of eviction

Income is a key driver of housing circumstances and the economic impact of COVID-19 has seen households struggling to pay housing costs, with some falling into arrears which raises serious concerns about an escalation of homelessness. Renters have been found to be at particular risk. By monitoring changes in resident's financial vulnerability and particularly indicators measuring housing needs, these can be used as a set of early warning indicators to prompt interventions locally.

Framework

A data set has been identified for inclusion in the dashboard which will be used to populate a local authority specific report. Indicators that have been selected include:

Theme	Measure	Source
Deprivation	Index of multiple deprivation	ONS
Employment	Overall employment rate	ONS
	Universal Credit claimant count	DWP
	Furloughed employments	HMRC
	Self-Employment Income Support	HMRC
Housing need	Number of households living in temporary accommodation	MHCLG
	Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefits numbers	DWP
	Mortgage/landlord claims for possession	MOJ
Financial vulnerability	Bankruptcy Orders	The Insolvency Service
	Supply and demand of debt advice	Money Advice Service

Dashboard

The dashboard will be available shortly on [LG Inform](#).