

## December 2023 Analysis and Research Bulletin

Welcome to the Local Government Association (LGA) Analysis and Research Bulletin.

This comprehensive monthly publication keeps you informed about key issues and developments in research impacting on local government.

The bulletin brings together the work of the LGA and also features relevant publications from the wider research community. The information in this bulletin is grouped under themed areas. This publication is produced by LGA Research and Information and we provide high-quality analysis and research across all aspects of local government.

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## Health and social care:

### How do people feel about using technology and data in health care?

The Health Foundation has produced this [long read](#) that considers what it is about health care that makes the likely impact of technology on work, different from that in many other sectors.

### Doing more for less?

This [Health Foundation report](#) explores the impact of national policies on PCNs in more deprived areas, using analysis of workforce and funding data, and interviews with PCN leaders about their experiences.

### Measuring continuity of care in general practice

This [long read from The Health Foundation](#) indicates that continuity of care is associated with positive outcomes for patients and analyses different ways to measure continuity of care in order to help improve it.

### Adult social care in England, monthly statistics: December 2023

These Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) [adult social care statistics](#) provide information on a range of topics including infection control measures and COVID-19 vaccinations in adult social care settings.

## **Public opinions and social trends: 29 November to 10 December – Great Britain**

This [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\) publication](#) provides insights on important issues facing society today from the Opinions and Lifestyle Survey (OPN).

# **Education and young people**

## **Further education outcomes: 2020/21 academic year - England**

This Department for Education (DfE) [further education outcomes publication](#) provides statistics on the employment, earnings and learning outcomes of further education learners in the 2020/21 academic year.

## **Early years foundation stage profile results: 2022 to 2023 - England**

These DfE annual statistics provide information on [early years foundation stage profile assessments](#) in England for 2022 to 2023 relating to the seven areas of learning and the 17 early learning goals.

## **Further education and skills: 2022/23 academic year - England**

These DfE statistics provide information about [learner participation and achievements in England](#) for the 2022/23 academic year, including apprenticeships and adult further education.

## **How schools narrow attainment gaps between ethnic groups - UK**

This DfE [attainment gaps study](#) considers whether schools closing the ethnicity achievement gap have done so by focussing on ethnicity, or as a result of other approaches.

## **Evidence of early years providers' finances from a 2022 survey - England**

This DfE report gives evidence of [providers' finances from the 2022 survey of childcare and early years providers](#).

## **How childcare provider characteristics impact costs of childcare - England**

This [DfE childcare providers research](#) considers whether, on average, bigger childcare providers deliver childcare more cheaply.

## **Childcare and early years providers survey: 2023 - England**

These DfE statistics provide information on the [characteristics of early years providers in England](#).

**Pupil attendance in schools: 11 September 2023 to 8 December 2023 - England**

These DfE statistics provide [data on the levels of attendance and overall, authorised and unauthorised absence in state-funded primary, secondary and special schools](#) in England between 11 September 2023 and 8 December 2023.

## Transport:

**Bus services: local transport authority capacity and capability - England**

This Department for Transport (DfT) research provides information on the [capacity and capability of local transport authorities in England concerning bus service planning and provision](#).

**Annual bus statistics: year ending March 2023 – Great Britain**

These DfT annual statistics provide information on [local buses in Great Britain](#) for the year ending March 2023.

**Concessionary travel statistics: year ending March 2023 - England**

These DfT [concessionary bus travel statistics](#) provide information about the number of passes, bus journeys, reimbursement and expenditure in England for the year ending March 2023.

**Quarterly bus fares statistics: July to September 2023 – Great Britain**

These DfT [local bus fare statistics](#) provide information on fare costs in Great Britain for July to September 2023.

**Transport statistics Great Britain - 2022**

This DfT report provides information on [statistical trends in the British transport sector for 2022](#).

**Daily domestic transport use by mode in Great Britain – January 2022**

This DfT report provides information on the [daily usage of selected domestic transport by mode in Great Britain since January 2022](#).

**Provisional road traffic estimates: October 2022 to September 2023– Great Britain**

These DfT statistics provide provisional estimates for [road traffic in Great Britain for the year ending September 2023](#), by vehicle type and road class.

## **Passenger rail usage: July to September 2023 – Great Britain**

These [Office of Rail and Road \(ORR\) quarterly statistics](#) provide information on the volume of passenger journeys, kilometres and revenue on the mainline network in Great Britain between July and September 2023.

## **Environment**

### **A systematic review of the impacts of extreme heat on health and wellbeing in the UK**

A [new study](#), led by the University of the West of England, looks at gaps in our knowledge between the urban environment and heatwaves, indoor heat, and non-communicable diseases such as cancers, heart disease and asthma.

## **Local Government**

### **Capabilities in Academic Policy Engagement (CAPE) insights report:**

#### **Academic advisers in local and regional authorities**

Over the last 18 months CAPE has been exploring the roles of academics placed in advisory roles in local or regional authorities. This [new insights report](#) considers how and why these roles create benefits, and provides suggestions to sustain this engagement.

### **Metrics added to LG Inform this month include:**

#### **Housing - England**

Local Authority Housing Statistics published by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) 2022/23 figures show that the [number of Local Authority owned dwellings](#) in England was 1,571,456 down from 1,575,709 in 2021/22. For the first time there are separate figures for vacant dwellings owned within the HRA [temporarily unavailable for letting](#) at 11,613 in England and [permanently unavailable for letting](#) at 6,285. [Total HRA vacant](#) was 32,420 for 2022/23 up from 31,560 in 2021/22. Data by number of bedrooms is also available in LG Inform.

***Available Geographies: Country – Region – County – London borough – Metropolitan District – Unitary – District***

## Public Health - England

NHS England figures show that [finished admission episodes with a primary or secondary diagnosis of obesity per 100,000 population](#) in England for 2022/23 was 2,225 up from 2,056 in 2021/22. [Female](#) rate for England was 2,788 compared to [Male](#) at 1,643.

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# Employment, pay and workforce

## Fair employment policy evidence briefing

This [evidence briefing](#) from the What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth provides a framework to help local policymakers think through some of the benefits and costs of introducing fair employment policies within their own organisation or encouraging adoption by local employers.

## Agricultural workforce in the UK at 1 June 2023

These Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) statistics provide estimates of the size of the [agricultural workforce in the UK on 1 June 2023](#).

## Employer skills survey 2022: UK findings

This DfE report provides details of the [UK employers' reported skill needs and training activities](#).

# Economy

## Forecasts for the UK economy: December 2023

These HM Treasury statistics provide a [comparison of independent forecasts for the UK economy](#) in December 2023.

# Housing

## Private rental market summary statistics in England: October 2022 to September 2023

These ONS statistics provide [median monthly rental prices for the private rental market](#) in England, between October 2022 and September 2023.

# Crime

## **Civil justice statistics quarterly: July to September 2023 – England and Wales**

These Ministry of Justice (MoJ) statistics provide information on the volume of [civil and judicial review cases dealt with by the courts between July and September 2023](#) in England and Wales and the overall timeliness of these cases.

## **Regular publications and events:**

### **LG Inform and LG Inform Plus webinar programme 2023**

The LG Inform and LG Inform Plus programme of free webinars for January and February 2024 are available.

To book a place and discover more about the data, report writing and the various modules on offer visit the [online training page](#) for more details and how to book.

If you would like something more tailored to your needs,

contact [lginformplus@local.gov.uk](mailto:lginformplus@local.gov.uk)

### **Built environment**

The [Quality of Life Foundation \(QOLF\) the independent research charity has launched a Code of Practice](#) for community engagement in design, planning and development in the built environment. QOLF are looking for local councils to help test the Beta version of the Code.

### **Social Research Association (SRA) training courses**

The SRA are currently offering a range of [online training courses](#) using Zoom.

### **SRA - Social Research Practice journal**

The latest issue of the SRA's free [e-journal](#) is now available.

### **The Rees Centre newsletter**

The [Rees Centre newsletter](#) is published every two months giving an update on their fostering related research activities and events along with a book review and a section on young voices.

### **Changing Populations newsletter**

The [latest newsletter from the Economic and Social Research Council \(ESRC\) Centre for Population Change](#) is now available.

### **Child Welfare Inequalities Project (CWIP) news**

The CWIP at Coventry University studies the links between deprivation and children's chances of being unable to live safely within their birth families and also aims to establish child welfare inequalities as a core concept in policy making, practice and research. Information about [current CWIP projects](#) is available on the website.

### **NIHR School for Public Health Research**

Sign-up to receive the latest news and updates from the NIHR School for Public Health Research including publications, funding opportunities, upcoming events and more. [Sign-up here](#). [Read the latest newsletter here](#).

### **Centre for Evaluation newsletter**

The Centre for Evaluation develops interventions, systems and strategies to improve public health using rigorous evaluation methods. Visit the website to [sign up for the Centre for Evaluation newsletter](#).

### **What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth newsletter**

This regular newsletter from the What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth provides the latest resources and evidence. Visit the website to [sign up for the newsletter](#).

### **The Centre for Youth Impact newsletter**

The Centre for Youth Impact is a community of organisations that work together to progress thinking and practice around impact measurement in youth work and services for young people. The [latest Centre for Youth Impact newsletter](#) is now available.

### **Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) Newsletter**

The CSA newsletter brings together the most up-to-date research into an accessible overview for frontline professionals and commissioners. Visit the website to [sign up for the CSA newsletter](#).

### **National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) Direct**

This regular NFER newsletter provides research, industry insights and free resources and events. [Sign up](#) for the newsletter here.

### **London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) Centre for Evaluation**

The Centre for Evaluation aims to improve the design and conduct of evaluations of complex public health interventions through the development, application and dissemination of rigorous methods, and facilitate the use of robust evidence to inform policy and practice decisions. The Centre produce a [termly newsletter](#).

### **Wales Centre for Public Policy (WCPP) newsletter**

WCPP works to address key economic and societal challenges through the use of evidence and produce a [regular newsletter](#)

### **Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) news alert**

[EEF news alerts](#) provide information about teaching and learning toolkits, project evaluation reports, grant funding rounds and news and events.

### **NESTA**

NESTA is an innovation foundation which aims to tackle society's big challenges. They produce a regular [newsletter](#).

### **Research and Economic Analysis for the Long Term (REAL) Centre**

The Health Foundation's REAL Centre was set up to support long-term decision making in health and social care. Visit the website to sign up for [regular updates](#).

### **Policy Bristol Newsletter**

The [Policy Bristol Newsletter](#) provides regular policy updates and the latest policy research and events news.

### **ActEarly monthly bulletin**

The [AntennAE monthly e-bulletin](#) provides the latest news and developments from Act Early.

### **The Health Foundation newsletter**

This [monthly newsletter](#) from The Health Foundation provides details about funding opportunities, latest publications and blogs, and the latest news from the world of UK health care.

### **The Learning and Work Institute newsletter**

This [monthly newsletter](#) from the Learning and Work Institute provides news updates, latest publications and blogs.