

Guidance Note 2

Annex 2 – SOURCES OF INFORMATION

It isn't feasible to cover all possible sources of statistical data for every eventuality - the scope of the subject is just too great, the variety of projects too wide. But from amongst the constellation of different sources you should find those listed below to be useful.

Organisation	Web-sites to visit
UK National Office for Statistics	www.statistics.gov.uk
National Online Manpower Information System (NOMIS)	www.nomisweb.co.uk
Home Office: research service	www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/
Department of Health research section	www.doh.gov.uk/public/stats5.htm
Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR)	www.planning.detr.gov.uk/consult/subnatproj/index.htm
Data Archive of the University of Essex (STATBASE)	www.daww.essex.ac.uk/news/stat.htm
Department for Employment & Skills, statistical research section	www.dfee.gov.uk/statistics
Department for Employment & Skills, SkillsBase	www.skillsbase.dfee.gov.uk
Public Records Office	www.pro.gov.uk
SPSS (UK) Ltd (Statistical Package for Social Scientists)	www.spss.com/UK ..

Also, in the table below we outline some of the commonly used indicators and datasets used in a variety of subjects.

Subject	Indicator/Data Set	Organisation
General Socio-Economic Deprivation	Index of Multiple Deprivation 2000	UK Central Government, Office for National Statistics
Child Poverty	Child Poverty Index	UK Central Government, Office for National Statistics
Means Tested Social Security Benefits	Income support. Income based job seekers allowance. Family Credit. Disability Working Allowance.	UK Central Government, Office for National Statistics
Assisted Housing	Council Tax Benefit recipients	Local Government housing departments: contact your local DISTRICT council (not the County Council)
Unemployment	Unemployment Counts (JUVOS)	UK Central Government, Office for National Statistics
Persons out of work but in in Training	Trainee Database System. .. New Deal databases	UK Central Government, Department for Education and Employment UK Central Government, local Employment Service
Incapacity/Disablement	Severe Disablement Allowance. Incapacity Benefit	UK Central Government, Office for National Statistics
Employment	Employees in Employment	Annual Employment Survey, Department for Education and Employment.
Low Pay	Low Pay database	Low Pay Unit
Health Deprivation	Standardised Mortality Ratio Infant Mortality Ratio Comparative Mortality Ratio	Department of Health
Health Deprivation	Disability Living Allowance Attendance Allowance Incapacity Benefit Severe Disablement Allowance	Department for Social Security
Homelessness	Priority homeless	Local authority HIP 1 returns to the (now dissolved) Department of the Environment Transport and the Regions
Housing condition	Housing age and amenities English housing condition Census of Population 2001	English Housing Condition Survey Office for National Statistics
Housing Affordability	Council Tax banding Average House prices	Local authorities (district councils only, not County Councils) Halifax Building Society Nationwide Building Society
Level of qualifications in the	Labour Force Survey, annual local area data	Department for Education and Employment

	Census of Population	Office for National Statistics
Adult Literacy	Labour Force Survey, annual local area data Adult Literacy	Department for Education and Employment Basic Skills Agency
Educational Achievement	Key Stage data (stages 1 - 4) GCSE pass rates	Department for Education and Employment
Special Educational Needs	Special Educational Needs at Primary level	Department for Education and Employment
Absenteeism Rates at School	Absence rate data at primary and secondary level	Department for Education and Employment
Children not in education	Children aged 16+ not in full time education data	Department for Education and Employment
Driving Licenses	Possession of a Driving License data	Driver Vehicle Licensing Centre (DVLA)
Access to Post Offices	Post Office location data by post code	Post Office Counters Ltd
Access to a General Practitioner (GP or doctor)	Post code location of GP surgeries	Department of Health
Crime	Home Contents Insurance data British Crime Survey Offenders Index database	Major insurance companies Home Office Home Office
Population change and characteristics	Census of Population 2001	Office for National Statistics

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