

UK Adult Social Care Statistics: Project Update

Our review Explores the adult social care statistics landscape across the UK to better understand its strengths and weaknesses, and share learning across the four nations, recognising that policy variations have led to differences in how statistics are produced.

Our aim is to increase the quality and public value of adult social statistics across the UK.

The desired outcome is improved coherence, harmonisation, insight and accessibility of adult social care statistics, allowing them to answer society's important questions.

Project approach:

Policy and statistics producer differences between the four nations indicated a need for the review to have four separate strands.

To gather evidence, we:

- identified published statistics
- examined policies and approaches to delivery
- reviewed published reports and attended events
- met with statistics producers and decision makers in government
- spoke to statistics users and considered potential users

Our interim output

We published [a blog](#) on 5 February 2019 summarising stakeholder views across the UK.

Our Initial Findings

Common themes across all nations: a lack of timeliness, a need for more granularity, providing easier ways to access the data and statistics that are available, providing better and more insightful commentary, improving data quality, and the need to reflect changes to service delivery and focus on outcomes.

	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Compliance check of selected statistics	Adult Social Care Statistics Activity and Finance Report (findings in Autumn 2019 report)	Local Authority Revenue and Capital Outturn Expenditure in Wales	Care Home Census for Adults in Scotland	Community Care for Adults in NI
Current steps	Roundtable convened in London October 2019		Roundtable convened in Edinburgh June 2019	Strand closed March 2019 with compliance check letter
Published reports	Report published January 2020	Report published June 2019	Report published in February 2020	
	GB report highlighting our key findings of the review published in April 2020			

Next Steps

We will continue to work with producers and users in order to generate more urgency and facilitate further improvements in adult social care statistics across the UK.