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Appendix 1:

Consultee list

Organisation

Islington (London Borough)

Ealing (London Borough)

Newham (London Borough)

Hackney (London Borough)

Bristol City Council

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Newcastle City Council

Sheffield City Council

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Durham County Council

Kent County Council

Kent Public Health Observatory

Suffolk County Council

Wakefield Council

Warwickshire County Council

West Sussex County Council

Worthing and Adur Council

Wigan Council

Cheshire and Merseyside

NHS Scotland

Local Govt Data Unit Wales

The Health Foundation

Wellbeing Enterprises CIC

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Local Government Association

Participatory City

DEFRA

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Commissioning and Partnership Development

Head of Public Health

PH Consultant, JSNA Lead

Strategic Lead for Evidence

Director of Public Health

Director of Public Health

Senior Public Health Specialist

Behaviour Change Officer

Public Health Consultant, Mental Health Lead

Head of Strategic Commissioning –
Community Support Adults

Senior Intelligence Analyst

Director of Public Health

Health and Wellbeing Manager

Research and Insights Officer

Public Health Lead

Head of Wellbeing

Director of Public Health

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Appendix 2:

Questions for LWI consultation interviews

Opening and Context

Name, role (Overview of LA/ organisation if required)

Describe the wellbeing of local people in that local area –if need prompt: what is good and bad?

Why would you measure wellbeing in your area?

Do you already measure wellbeing in your locality?

Y: Why/for what purposes?
(if not already covered above)
What do you use?

N: Why not?

Overall

Are these generally fit-for-purpose indicators for assessing wellbeing at a LA level?

How does this link to what is already existing?

For Scotland / Wales / NI:
how does this fit in with existing frameworks?

How does a framework like this add value – or confusion – compared to what already exists?

Inclusion

Do these questions capture your (LA) **strategic priorities**?

Are there aspects which are missing?

Are further indicators required for specific **groups** and if so which ones?

Does this capture dimensions and aspects which are important for **rural areas**?

Are any rural aspects missing?

Balance between subjective and objective: does this feel a good balance?

Balance between current and aspirational aspects

Would you find it useful to have a community assets indicator set, measuring assets which are important for broader health and wellbeing - and for this indicator set to complement it, by measuring the use of these assets in a local area?

Categories

Does dividing it up in the way we have done make sense to you?

And do you think it will make sense to a fairly broad range of stakeholders and potential users?

Practicalities

(If not already covered in the opening questions)

How likely are you to adopt this as a full set, or are you likely to pick and choose depending on other criteria?

In what format would you use an indicator set like this? Would you use eg Fingertips, or a different format?

How would these indicators have to change to fit these different uses? Or user groups?

How may your (or others') needs for such an indicator set change in the future?

How frequently do these need to be updated in order to be useful?

We are keen to have the views from specific areas of local decision-making / Governance. Are there others who you could forward this on to for comment, e.g. in transport or housing?



Appendix 3:

Thematic summary of consultation feedback

Why local decision makers would use a local wellbeing indicator set.

Higher level influence is a driver for use:	Prevention/Resilience is important	A strong driver of use is to understand community WB	The purpose, framework, audience and use needs to be:
To influence strategists/politicians	Resilience is crucial to place shaping agenda	To understand social determinants of health *	Clear and 'Distinctly' WB (LWI currently not clear)
To appeal to senior decision makers	Understanding the longer term impact of austerity is crucial	To understand WB drivers of local communities * which determines the level of decision making	Strong conceptually with a clear and logical rationale (LWI framework could be stronger)
<u>But:</u>	The determinants of WB are gaining traction in LAs	The use of indicators depends on priorities/needs in LAs	Parameters of the 'full set' defined if they are not KPI's
LWI data needs to be punchier for politicians	The importance of young people's resilience measures is likely to increase	Local contextual information is important too for data interpretation	Clear about whether the primary purpose is for use as a 'dipstick', comparison or for local decision making
LWI data would need to be condensed for leaders	WB data is more important for prevention (Public Health)	There is a need to understand WB inequality to target resources	Customer-oriented
		Using a subset of indicators is considered to be of more use locally	If indicators showing what makes biggest difference to WB need to give an indication of action
		Granularity of data (e.g. ward, street level) is very desirable in LAs	
		Defining and capturing community WB remains a challenge	

Key:

WB Wellbeing SWB subjective wellbeing
 LA local authorities LWI Local Wellbeing Index
***bold** strong (much mentioned) themes



What local decision makers want from a local indicator set

The unifying element of LWI is useful	WB data needs to be:	Breadth of LWI indicators is good
<p>An agreed set is useful for benchmarking/trends *</p> <p>Bringing together many disparate indicators is useful</p> <p>'Most' already collect this data</p> <p>Few felt LWI was similar to ONS wellbeing wheel</p> <p>High level comparison with other LAs is important and useful</p> <p>Integration into existing indicator sets gives traction</p> <p>LWI links up with other frameworks</p> <p>Currently WB measurement is ad-hoc and generally fragmented by topic</p> <p>Wales has a largely similar WB measurement agenda</p> <p>JSNAs don't pull WB data together</p>	<p>Robust and timely</p> <p>Connect WB data to economic data</p> <p>Balance usefulness of indicators with frequency</p> <p>Capable of showing trends and largely available</p> <p>Linked to topical relevance of WB in United Kingdom</p> <p>Available annually minimum (e.g. Census data often not useful)</p> <p>Triangulated with complementary data to provide a more holistic view</p> <p>As granular as possible</p> <p>Cutable with options to drill down* (e.g. higher and lower order indicators)</p> <p>Outcomes rather than assessing services focussed</p> <p><u>Future needs:</u></p> <p>Many predict the need for WB data to increase or at least to continue being useful</p>	<p>The LWI provides a broad, rounded picture and is generally fit for purpose</p> <p>The LWI broadly captures strategic priorities</p> <p>Overall the LWI divisions work and are accessible</p> <p>Many felt all of the data included was useful data</p> <p>A strength of the LWI is the simple, memorable framework</p> <p>Overall LWI framework represents key aspects of public success</p> <p><u>But:</u></p> <p>Some felt the LWI broad, but with too many indicators (despite wanting more aspirational indicators included)</p> <p>Many felt more of a 'snapshot' of WB was more important</p>

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Presentation and use

Need for guidance around WB measurement	Presentation, format and audience
Require guidance to prioritise indicators and actions	Interactivity and data visualisation important
Tool should be presented as an 'active support tool' (as opposed to performance management)	Audience will dictate presentation, presentation will dictate success
Users should be prompted and guided to 'look beyond' the data and interpret it using their local knowledge	Format needs to 'fit with IT systems' of local authorities
Assumption that indicators will be guided by best practice and evidence	Fingertips useful for technical work
	Fingertips not helpful for breakdowns and can be difficult to navigate
	Composite scores and punchy overview helpful
	Data needs to be communicated meaningfully
	Need to create simple reports
	Expectation development of LWI is an iterative process

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Key gaps and aspirations for indicator set

Rural and community issues	Children and vulnerable groups	Impact of austerity and other gaps	Community assets
Access to services	Resilience aspect missing	Affordable rented property	The use of assets beyond physical structures are useful
Fuel poverty	ACE's increasingly important	Work WB and satisfaction beyond employment	Focus on community strengths is welcomed
Loneliness/isolation	Child development	Good quality and stable work	Assets need to be defined by local people
Levels of migration and impact of urbanisation	Early years wellness	Housing generally	Assets more important for planning
Trust, social connectedness	Maternal health	Jobs and regeneration	
Social capital	Quality of education	Impact of austerity on social capital	
	School readiness	Economic aspect not strong enough	May be room to use 'softer' local data in communities where indicators are unreliable (Health Foundation)
	Children's indicators	Hope, self-efficacy	
	Protected characteristic groups (relates to data cutting)	Feel able to influence wellbeing, invest in wellbeing (culture of health)	
	Older population: volunteering, feeling useful	Perceptions of safety	
	Apprehension around reducing usefulness of set if don't include key childrens indicators	Adult obesity	
		Healthy behaviours	
		Getting by financially	
		Living wage	
		Impact of gig economy	



Appendix 4.1:

Local Wellbeing Indicators - 'Ideal' set

ECONOMY

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Unemployment	Unemployment rate	% of unemployed people over the age of 16 who are economically active
Job quality	▶ Job Satisfaction	Average job satisfaction
Material deprivation	▶ Material deprivation rate	% of people living in households in material deprivation

EDUCATION AND CHILDHOOD

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Adult learning	Percentage participating in adult education	% of respondents who have finished full-time education, who participate in some other form of adult learning
Child learning	School readiness	% children achieving good level of development by end of reception
Children's wellbeing	Child subjective wellbeing	% children reporting low life satisfaction or WEMWBS

EQUALITY

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Wellbeing inequality	Life satisfaction inequality	Standard deviation in life satisfaction

PERSONAL WELLBEING

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
▶ Control	▶ Freedom to make decisions	Ability to make up own mind about things
Happiness	Happiness	Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday? 0-10 scale where 10 is completely happy
Life satisfaction	Life satisfaction	Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays? 0-10 scale where 10 is completely satisfied
Purpose/meaning	Worthwhile	Overall, to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile? 0-10 scale where 10 is completely worthwhile
Anxiety	Anxiety	Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday? 0-10 scale where 10 is completely anxious

HEALTH

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Health	Physical activity	% of adults doing 150+ minutes physical activity per week
Health	Healthy life expectancy	Healthy life expectancy at birth for men and for women
Health	Estimated prevalence of mental health disorders	Estimated prevalence of common mental health disorders, % of population aged 16-74



PLACE

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Democracy	▶ Sense of local influence	% who feel able influence local decisions
Crime and security	Violent crime	Count violent crime (combined violent crime data)
Green space	Use of natural environment	% using green space: For fresh air or to enjoy pleasant weather; For health and exercise; For peace and quiet; To relax and unwind
Housing	▶ Housing satisfaction	Average satisfaction with housing
Local environmental conditions	Air Quality	Air quality as estimate of the concentration of four pollutants
Culture	▶ Participation in cultural activities	% participating in meaningful cultural / social activities

SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Close support	▶ Support when needed	% who agree with statement "If I needed help, there are people who would be there for me".
▶ Generalised trust	▶ Generalised trust	% who say that most people can be trusted
▶ Personal relationships	▶ Social networks	% who meet socially with friends, relatives or work colleagues at least once a week
Volunteering	▶ Volunteering	% who volunteer formally at least once a month
Community cohesion	▶ Neighbourhood belonging	% who agree with statement 'I feel like I belong to this neighbourhood'

Key: ▶ Sub-domain and/or indicators not included in or different to 'currently available' set



Appendix 4.2:

Local Wellbeing Indicators - 'Currently Available' set

ECONOMY

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Unemployment	Unemployment rate	% of unemployed people over the age of 16 who are economically active
Job quality	Good jobs	% of people who are on permanent contracts (or on temporary contracts and not seeking permanent employment), who earn more than 2/3 of the UK median wage, and are not overworked (i.e. <49 hours a week), or underworked (unwillingly working part-time).
Material deprivation	Percentage of people with low incomes	% of full-time employees with low relative income (less than 60% of UK median wage)

EDUCATION AND CHILDHOOD

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Adult learning	Percentage participating in adult education	% of adults who have participated in education or training in the last 4 weeks (formal or non-formal)
Child learning	School readiness	% children achieving good level of development by end of reception
Children's wellbeing	Child subjective wellbeing	% children reporting low life satisfaction

EQUALITY

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Wellbeing inequality	Life satisfaction inequality	Standard deviation in life satisfaction

PERSONAL WELLBEING

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
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Purpose/meaning	Worthwhile	Overall, to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile? 0-10 scale where 10 is completely worthwhile
Anxiety	Anxiety	Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday? 0-10 scale where 10 is completely anxious



HEALTH

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Health	Physical activity	% of adults doing 150+ minutes physical activity per week
Health	Healthy life expectancy	Healthy life expectancy at birth for men and for women
Health	Estimated prevalence of mental health disorders	Estimated prevalence of common mental health disorders, % of population aged 16-74

PLACE

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Democracy	▶ Total voter turnout	Total voter turnout for local elections
Crime and security	Violent crime	Violent crime (including sexual violence) - hospital admissions for violence per 100,000 people.
Green space	Use of natural environment	▶ % using natural environment for health and exercise
Housing	▶ Housing in poor condition	Housing in poor condition
Local environmental conditions	Air Quality	Air quality as estimate of the concentration of four pollutants
Culture	▶ Participation in heritage activities	RSA Heritage Index Activities rank out of 325 local authorities

SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Close support	▶ Social contact among social care users	% of adult social care users who do have as much social contact as they would like
Volunteering	▶ Opportunity to volunteer (number of TCV volunteer organisations)	Number of The Conservation Volunteers organisations in a LA area
Community cohesion	▶ Social fragmentation index Census data (and NOMIS)	Social fragmentation index - calculation of social fragmentation

Key: ▶ Sub-domain and/or indicators not included in or different to 'ideal' set



Appendix 5:

LWI additional 'dive deeper' indicators

ECONOMY

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Employment	Employment rate	Employment rate
Unemployment	NEETS	NEETS per 1000 population
Job quality	Job security	% of people on permanent contracts (or on temporary contracts and not seeking permanent employment) Labour Force Survey + calculations
Job quality	Good pay	% who earn more than 2/3 of the UK median wage Labour Force Survey + calculations
Job quality	Overwork	% who are not overworked (> 49 hours a week) Labour Force Survey + calculations
Job quality	Underwork	% who are not underworked (unwillingly working part-time) Labour Force Survey + calculations
Job quality	Work-life balance	<i>Subjective (tbd, e.g. questions from European Quality of Life Survey such as 'I have come home from work too tired to do some of the household jobs which need to be done')</i>
Material deprivation	Income deprivation affecting older people	See IMD
Material deprivation	Income deprivation affecting children	See IMD
Material deprivation	Debt liabilities	tbd
Local economy	Economic diversity	Ratio of enterprises to local units

EDUCATION AND CHILDHOOD

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Child learning	GCSEs	% five or more GCSEs A* to C including English and Maths

EQUALITY

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Income inequality	Income inequality	80:20 ratio of earnings NOMIS
Health inequality	Health inequality	Slope index of inequality (SII) in disability-free life expectancy at birth (SII years) ONS
WB inequality:	Other wellbeing inequality measures	Standard deviation in other WB measures WWCW



PERSONAL WELLBEING

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Flourishing	Other topics from Be section of Happiness Pulse (e.g. Optimism, Worth, Peace of Mind, Resilience, Autonomy, Competence)	Averages on selected questions from Happiness Pulse Be domain: I've been feeling optimistic about the future; to what extent do you feel the things you do are worthwhile; I've been feeling relaxed; I've been dealing with problems well; I've been able to make up my own mind; I've been thinking clearly

HEALTH

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Health behaviours	Healthy eating	% eating five fruits and veg a day PHOF/ Sport England survey and Active People survey
Health behaviours	Active travel	% respondents who go to work thru active travel ONS
Health behaviours	Sleep	tbd
Health overall	Subjective health	% rate health as very good, good, or fair Census
Health overall	Life expectancy at birth	Life expectancy at birth (years) PHOF
Health overall	Preventable deaths	Mortality from causes that are preventable PHOF
Health overall	Long-term disability	% reporting a long-term disability NOMIS
Mental health	Mood and anxiety disorders index	See IMD



PLACE

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Green space	Distance to nearest green space	<i>tbd</i>
Green space	Access to green space	Subjective measure <i>tbd</i>
Housing	Housing affordability	Difficulty of access to owner-occupation – proportion of households aged under 35 whose income means they are unable to afford to enter owner occupation IMD
Housing	Housing overcrowding	See IMD
Housing	Noise complaints	Rate of complaints about noise per thousand population PHOF
Housing	Other measures of housing problems	<i>tbd</i>
Democracy	Trust in local government	% who say they trust local government ONS
Local environment	Traffic	Car vehicle traffic thousand vehicle miles per capita Department for Transport
Crime and security	Other crime categories	Various options available from police data ONS
Crime and security	Perceived safety	Feeling that it is safe to be alone on the street at night ONS- British Crime Survey
Culture	Sub-indicators from Heritage Index	RSA Heritage Index sub-indicators
Access to services	Access to services	Households with good transport access to key services or work by local authority, England, 2007 to 2013 Department for Transport

SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Sub-domain	Indicator (and source, if available)	Description
Personal relationships	Loneliness	% lonely most or all of the time European Social Survey
Personal relationships	Domestic violence	<i>tbd</i>
Community cohesion	Interaction with neighbours	How often do you chat to any of your neighbours, more than just to say hello? Community Life Survey
Community cohesion	Social network diversity	What proportion of your friends are of the same [ethnic, religious, age] group as you? Community Life Survey
Informal care	Percentage providing informal care	In general, how often are you involved in caring for elderly or disabled relatives? European Quality of Life Survey



Appendix 6:

'Currently Available' set user guidelines

These user guidelines will help you navigate the data sources more quickly and easily.

Indicator:	Unemployment rate
Description:	% of unemployed people over the age of 16 who are economically active
Source:	NOMIS
User guidance:	Select your area via postcode, place name or LA. Then select 'Employment and Unemployment'.
Indicator:	Good jobs
Description:	% of people who are on permanent contracts (or on temporary contracts and not seeking permanent employment), who earn more than 2/3 of the UK median wage, and are not overworked (i.e. <49 hours a week), or underworked (unwillingly working part-time).
Source:	Annual Population Survey plus calculations
User guidance:	A rather complex calculation is needed here. For information on the specifics of making the calculation please contact us. In order to access LA level data you will need to apply for a Secure Access.
Indicator:	Percentage of people with low incomes
Description:	% of full-time employees with low relative income (less than 60% of UK median wage)
Source:	ASHE
User guidance:	Download the 2016 provisional file and open the top item called Table 8.1a - Weekly pay - Gross. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Go to the sheet 'Full-time' 2) Calculate threshold income as 60% of UK median income (for 2016 it's £323) 3) For each local authority estimate a logarithmic best-fit line for the relationship between income and percentile (median is, by defn, 50th percentile). I've used the formula LOGEST. 4) Use best fit line to estimate what percentile is associated with the threshold income (i.e. £323 in 2016).
Indicator:	Percentage participating in adult education
Description:	% of adults who have participated in education or training in the last 4 weeks (formal or non-formal)
Source:	Annual Population Survey plus calculations
User guidance:	A rather complex calculation is needed here. For information on the specifics of making the calculation please contact us. In order to access LA level data you will need to apply for a Secure Access.
Indicator:	School readiness
Description:	% children achieving good level of development by end of reception
Source:	PHOF 1.02i
User guidance:	The link takes you to the default page. Select your region (data is available at County and Unitary Authority area). The results for the region will be displayed. School readiness is the first indicator
Indicator:	Child subjective wellbeing
Description:	% reporting low life satisfaction
Source:	What about YOUth survey
User guidance:	The link takes you to the direct page for this indicator. Select your region and area.



Indicator:	Life satisfaction inequality
Description:	Standard deviation in life satisfaction
Source:	WWCW
User guidance:	Click on Data File (Excel), download and open. Select your geographical area (you can search). Track to column F for standard deviation figure.
Indicator:	Happiness
Description:	Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday? 0-10 scale where 10 is completely happy
Source:	ONS
User guidance:	The link takes you to the latest LA data release, and includes a searchable interactive map in section 5.
Indicator:	Life satisfaction
Description:	Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays? 0-10 scale where 10 is completely satisfied
Source:	ONS
User guidance:	The link takes you to the latest LA data release, and includes a searchable interactive map in section 5.
Indicator:	Purpose/meaning
Description:	Overall, to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile? 0-10 scale where 10 is completely worthwhile
Source:	ONS
User guidance:	The link takes you to the latest LA data release, and includes a searchable interactive map in section 5.
Indicator:	Anxiety
Description:	Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday? 0-10 scale where 10 is completely anxious
Source:	ONS
User guidance:	The link takes you to the latest LA data release, and includes a searchable interactive map in section 5.
Indicator:	Physical activity
Description:	% of adults doing 150+ minutes physical activity per week
Source:	PHOF 2.13i
User guidance:	The link takes you direct to the page for this indicator. Select your region and type of area.
Indicator:	Healthy Life Expectancy
Description:	Healthy life expectancy at birth for men and for women
Source:	PHOF 0.1i
User guidance:	The link takes you to the main overview page. Select your region and type of area. You'll need the two numbers that make up 1.01i: Healthy Life expectancy at birth (Male), and Healthy Life expectancy at birth (Female). We recommend showing both values to accurately show this indicator.
Indicator:	Estimated prevalence of mental health disorders
Description:	Estimated prevalence of common mental health disorders, % of population aged 16-74
Source:	Common Mental Health Disorders
User guidance:	The link takes you to directly to the indicator. Select your area type and region. You'll want to look at the 'value' column.



Indicator:	Total voter turnout
Description:	Total voter turnout for local elections
Source:	Electoral register data
User guidance:	Since local elections do not take place in all areas every year, you will need to find the latest data for your area. The measure is “Total vote turnout (incl. postal votes rejected and votes rejected at count) (%)”
Note:	that where local elections coincide with general elections, turnout will be higher - and should not be interpreted as a change in this sub-domain.
Indicator:	Violent crime
Description:	Violent crime (including sexual violence) - hospital admissions for violence per 100,000 people.
Source:	PHOF 1.12i
User guidance:	The link takes you to the data for this indicator. You'll want to look at the 'value' column.
Indicator:	Use of natural environment
Description:	% using natural environment for health and exercise
Source:	PHOF 1.16
User guidance:	For now use PHOF 1.16. You'll want to look at the 'value' column.
Note:	This is the interim indicator. Future versions of the MENE survey will capture ‘% using natural environment for all reasons’, which will be the indicator for this sub-domain.
Indicator:	Housing in poor condition
Description:	Housing in poor condition
Source:	IMD File 8
User guidance:	Scroll down to File 8. Tab ‘2015 Living env domain’. Track to Column E ‘Housing in poor condition indicator’. The housing in poor condition indicator is a modelled estimate of the proportion of social and private homes that fail to meet the Decent Homes standard. Work out the average for the Local Authority by calculating the mean across the LSOA. In a cell to the side, use the formula ‘=AVERAGE(select cells for all the LSOAs in the LA)’
Note:	For consistency we have chosen to look at the mean of the data, but having LSOA level numbers gives you the option of seeing which neighbourhoods have the worst housing conditions in your LA. To explore this, you can identify which, if any, LSOAs within your LA are amongst the 10% worst off in England. Select all of the figures in column E (i.e. for all LSOAs in the country), then apply “Conditional Formatting”, “Top/Bottom Rules”, “Top 10%”. LSOAs across England which have the highest proportions of poor housing will be highlighted in red. You can then look at your LA and see which LSOAS are in red.
Indicator:	Air quality
Description:	Air quality as estimate of the concentration of four pollutants
Source:	IMD File 8
User guidance:	Scroll down to File 8. Tab ‘2015 Living env domain’. Track to Column G ‘Air Quality Indicator’. Estimate of the concentration of the four pollutants (nitrogen dioxide, benzene, sulphur dioxide and particulates). Work out the average for the Local Authority by calculating the mean across the LSOA. In a cell to the side, use the formula ‘=AVERAGE(select cells for all the LSOAs in the LA)’
Note:	A higher score for the indicator represents a higher level of deprivation


Indicator: Participation in heritage activities

Description: RSA Heritage Index Activities rank out of 325 local authorities
 Source: [RSA Heritage Index](#)
 User guidance: You should be able to download the data set immediately after entering your name and email address. Once you've accessed the spreadsheet, enter your area on the Dashboard tab and see C8 for the 'Activities' rank

Indicator: Social contact among social care users

Description: % of adult social care users who do have as much social contact as they would like
 Source: [PHOF](#) 1.18i
 User guidance: Select your region and county.

Indicator: Opportunity to volunteer (number of TCV volunteer organisations)

Description: Number of The Conservation Volunteers organisations in a LA area
 Source: [RSA Heritage Index](#)
 User guidance: You should be able to download the data set immediately after entering your name and email address. Go to the Raw Data tab, and find column CV. This will give you the number of TCV organisations per local authority.
 Note: We are aware this is a far from perfect indicator for volunteering. We are also aware that Volunteering data is collected by a number of separate organisations, which has the potential to be aggregated. However, for this set of currently available indicators, we were surprised not to find any broader national measures of volunteering at local authority level. If you know of one that is available currently, please let us know!

Indicator: Social fragmentation index

Description: Social fragmentation index - calculation of social fragmentation
 Source: [Census data](#) (and [NOMIS](#))
 User guidance: The index is calculated based on the following figures for each area:

1. Percentage of adults who are not living as a couple
2. Percentage of 1-person households
3. Percentage of people renting privately
4. Percentage of people who have moved to their current address within the last year

Three of the three indicators can be found in 2011 census data. Select LA or Ward level and enter postcode data.

1. For percentage of adults not living as a couple go to: Living arrangements (key stats) and add together all the 'not living as a couple' numbers, and divide by the total number of adults
2. For percentage one person households go to: Household composition (key stats) and add together: 'one person households: 65 and over' and 'one person households: other', and divide by the total number of households
3. For percentage renting privately go to: Tenure (key stats) and add together: 'private rented: private landlord or letting agency' and 'private rented: other', and divide by the total number of households.

The last indicator data is available from [NOMIS](#)

4. Percentage of people who have moved to their current address within the last year: On the left-hand side, choose your area in the drop down menu. A graph will be displayed of 'Origin and destination of migrants'. Ensure it shows age: All persons aged 1 and over. You need the total inflow number which is in the centre. You will need to convert this to a percentage of the total population before doing the weighting calculation.

The original SFI was calculated by standardising each indicator, taking an average of the z-scores, and then standardising the average. We will be producing a set of figures for local authorities using this methodology later this year. For present purposes (and for the worked examples) it is possible to calculate the SFI using pseudo z-scores, based on the distribution of data in the original SFI (which is based on the 1991 census). These can be calculated as follows:



$$\begin{aligned} \text{SFI} = & \\ & ((\text{Percentage of 1-person households} - 29.8) / 6.3) + \\ & ((\text{Percentage of people renting privately} - 16.2) / 9.9) + \\ & ((\text{Percentage of people who have moved to their current address within the last year} - 10.6) \\ & / 5.5) - \\ & ((\text{Percentage of adults who are living as a couple} - 47.0) / 10.2) \end{aligned}$$

In this formula, for each indicator, the first figure is the mean percentage for England as a whole in the 1991 census, and the second figure is the standard deviation of the percentage. In both cases the percentages are multiplied by 100 so they range from 0 to 100.

Note:

The social fragmentation index (SFI) is used widely in academic research. It is a calculation designed to estimate the extent of social fragmentation within a defined area. The SFI uses four measures that are available at local level across the country. They are proxy indicators for theoretically relevant aspects of low levels of social cohesion (eg living alone/being unmarried is a proxy measure of lack of the presence of company and support in the household; not owning one's home or being residentially mobile will theoretically mean that one has a lower level of long term 'attachment' or 'commitment' to the place where one lives. As things currently stand the SFI provides the best possible currently available indicator of social cohesion.

We have updated 'married' to 'couples cohabiting' in line with current wellbeing research.





We encourage you to share this report, and would appreciate hearing from you if you've used it so we can better evaluate our impact.



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