

NDC News



An update on the national evaluation of the New Deal for Communities programme

A 'Special Data' Edition!

This is the third NDC Phase 2 Evaluation newsletter. The two previous versions, which provide an overview of what is happening in Phase 2, can be accessed on: <http://extra.shu.ac.uk/ndc>

This Newsletter is a special 'data edition'. It provides an overview of data sources which are now available to all Partnerships, or will be very shortly. We would especially ask that those who receive this newsletter either electronically or as hard copy pass it onto their NDC and agency colleagues. We still find that occasionally some NDC staff are not always fully aware of what data is now available for their area through the national evaluation. A tremendous evidence base can now be accessed by all NDCs. This should help all Partnerships in assessing the degree to which they have changed, hence informing all aspects of the PMF process.

The 2006 IPSOS MORI Survey

The household survey is complete and the main release of data to Partnerships will be in the week commencing 20th November 2006.

As in previous years a number of outputs will be provided for Partnerships.

- A **marked-up questionnaire** and **key indicator** spreadsheets will include data for 2006, as well as 2002 and 2004 for comparison. This will show aggregated data for all NDCs and the latest national benchmarks.
- Details of 2006 **Partnership specific questions** and more detailed **computer tables** analysing results by a number of key sub-groups will also be provided at this date. The **SPSS data file** will be forwarded later in the week commencing 18th December.
- **Partnership Slide Packs** highlighting key trends in the data within each Partnership will be released in the week commencing 15th January 2007.

All 2006 survey data and documentation will also be available on the **NDC extranet site** from February 2007, allowing users to run a wider range of analyses.

NDC Specific Administrative Data

The Social Disadvantage Research Centre (SDRC) at the University of Oxford has continued to **collate and analyse administrative data** in order to construct indicators of outcome change for aspects of worklessness, crime, education, health, and housing and physical environment. Indicators will be produced for each NDC area, parent local authority, government office region and England as a whole.

Data is now released on a quarterly basis to provide more timely data. The **latest release to Partnerships was on 3rd November**. All available secondary data for all indicators at all points of time were released at this time. The format of these master spreadsheets is now more user-friendly to allow easy comparison of data through time. Improvements in data provision also include collating worklessness data from the Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study (WPLS) in line with current DWP practice. This latest release of spreadsheets can now replace all previous ones released by SDRC.

Please inform sdrc.queries@socres.ox.ac.uk if details of the key contact to receive the data needs to be amended.

All secondary data will also be mounted on the newly relaunched **National Evaluation Website** from this point onwards at http://extra.shu.ac.uk/ndc/ndc_data.htm. The data on the website will be updated each time a new release of data is issued. This will provide a useful data resource for all members of the Partnership team.

PMF Data Template

This year each Partnership will be sent a PMF data template with relevant data from both the IPSOS MORI household survey for each point of time as well as secondary and administrative data. (See NDC Programme Note 37 – <http://www.neighbourhood.gov.uk/page.asp?id=623>).

This template will be sent to Partnerships in the week commencing 20th November along with their IPSOS MORI household survey data.

Learning & Dissemination Activities

One of the key objectives of Phase 2 of the evaluation is As part of its commitment to delivering shared learning from the National Evaluation, the evaluation team is coordinating a number of learning and dissemination events aimed at NDCs and their local partners, DCLG, Government Offices for the Regions, and others.

You should already be aware of the **December 2006 event 'National Data Local Knowledge'** on the use of data (the event is being run twice – in London on 5 December and in Manchester on 13 December – contact claire.grant@sharedintelligence.net or 020 7756 7609 for more details). This event will provide a useful opportunity to learn more about the use of national datasets, including how they can be used to feed into your PMF reviews, as well as the chance to share experience about how NDCs are measuring impact on the ground. Participants will hear from members of the National Evaluation team, including MORI and the SDCR, and will also learn from case study examples in other NDCs. This event is being run alongside another DCLG learning event '**Everything You Need to Know about PMF**' (contact rachel.kimberley@communities.gsi.gov.uk or 020 7944 3732 for more details).

In addition, we are planning a number of **other learning and dissemination events early in 2007**. The first of these will be focused on **community engagement** and will share learning from the NDC National Evaluation Practice Study currently underway as well as NDCs' local evaluations and learning, and other relevant research. Details will be circulated when they are available.

Evaluation Reference Group

The evaluation consortium is working with a Reference Group, which provides an opportunity for NDC research and evaluation staff to critically engage with and inform the National Evaluation and to shape the opportunities for learning and dissemination. The group has now held two meetings and will continue to meet in 2007. The group has helped build understanding within the evaluation team and DCLG of the different ways that the National Evaluation is used by NDCs and the different audiences for the evaluation; it has been closely involved in shaping the upcoming Learning

and Dissemination events; and it has worked with the evaluation team to help shape the methodological approach to 'typologies' of NDCs.

More details on the Reference Group can be found on the evaluation website at: http://extra.shu.ac.uk/ndc/ndc_local_evaluation_rg.htm

Networking Support to NDC Evaluation Officers

We also want to support NDC evaluation officers in networking and sharing information between one another – electronically and face-to-face. This will be useful in distributing findings of local evaluations, canvassing peers for ideas and knowledge related to evaluation, and sharing resources.

We have already emailed all the officers to put them in touch and have begun uploading local evaluation outputs onto the National Evaluation website. These can be viewed at: http://extra.shu.ac.uk/ndc/ndc_local_evaluation_la.htm

If you would like to add resources to the site, please send them to S.Corker@shu.ac.uk

In a number of regions, the evaluation team is also working with NDCs to develop local network meetings between research and evaluation officers from different NDCs. If you are interested in developing a network in your area, you should contact your NDC National Evaluation regional contact in the first instance.

We welcome comments and ideas about any aspect of the national evaluation. We are also interested in getting feedback on this Newsletter.

If you have any comments on any aspect of the national evaluation in the first instance please contact Paul Lawless: 0114 225 3529 or p.l.lawless@shu.ac.uk

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