

Creating Healthy Places & Spaces – Event 10 February 2022

Workshop Summary Document

This document sets out a summary of the feedback we received as part of the workshop discussions looking at data & evidence and involvement & engagement. The feedback from the second workshop looking at the guide and tools will inform the final versions of these tools which are available on the Spatial Planning and Health section of WHISAU website.

Workshop 1 - Data & Evidence

This part of the workshop explored the data and evidence which is currently being used by planners and health professionals to guide the work on health and planning, and also what would be useful to have and how joint working may be improved. These data sources have been set out in Annex A.

What data & evidence would be useful?

- Spatial data and capacity of healthcare facilities and services
- Health profiles for areas
- Topic specific data including mapped data such as for green spaces and active travel
- Data at different scales i.e. ward level. LSOA, MSOA
- Use of different tools such as dashboards
- Long term chronic health data
- Input from health boards to shape work
- Help interpreting data
- Using health data to inform incident management and prevention e.g. flooding
- Stories about health and wider determinants of health to bring lived experiences to life

What action is needed to deliver this?

- Professional development: Planners / Health professionals / Politicians
- Guidance / Sharing good practice & data / Engagement tools
- Establishing contacts and clarity of how organisations work and how to link into this work
- Proactive engagement between health and planning and resources to facilitate this
- Shared agendas and goals
- Review of national planning guidance - more proactive for health / stronger national policies to inform local policies e.g. HIA for strategic sites
- Harmonised public health response

Opportunities for joint working

- Key contacts to enable discussion and sharing of information, priorities, data and knowledge to help ensure alignment e.g. joint events / active environments / food environments
- Working closely with environmental health departments
- Early and on-going involvement in the Local Development Plan process e.g.
 - providing candidate site details,
 - sharing evidence and good practice
 - exploring opportunities for shared spaces and facilities – collaborative developments
- Cross discipline steering groups for HIA work

- Engaging and working with organisations such as Natural Resources Wales, Utilities companies

Workshop 1 - Involvement & Engagement

This part of the workshop explored the collaboration and engagement which is currently happening between planners and health professionals to guide the work on health and planning, and also how engagement with communities is undertaken in relation to planning. The workshop also considered what more would be useful for collaboration.

Existing Collaboration: between professionals

- Emails to health board contacts
- Engagement officers
- Public Service Boards
- Working groups regular meetings to identify way of engaging stakeholders – Conwy

Existing Collaboration: with communities

- Events / consultations / workshops – specific stakeholders and general public
- Online and face to face
- Social media / online platforms e.g. Neath Port Talbot Councils Let's talk platform
- Mailing lists / Hard copy questionnaires and local posting boxes
- Place plans – working with town and community councils
- HIA process – project team and steering group
- Planning application process
- Through existing groups
- Participatory community approaches
- Paid community researchers / activators
- Different forms of engagement, arts, film, video, imaginative visual tools

Issues or Barriers with engagement

- Timing, resources and skills
- Accessibility of processes – technical jargon / structure of organisations
- Over consultation
- Not just about having tools but how they are being used
- Understanding who to engage & ensuring early engagement
- Clarity of what the planning system can achieve
- Communities of new developments don't yet exist
- Need to reflect on lessons learnt and evaluate methods used
- Need to build confidence in how to input into system – external facilitators useful role
- Limitation of tools e.g. online resources
- Lack of trust in planning system
- People feeling they are not listened to
- Lack of clarity of contacts
- Need to strengthen spatial planning aspect of health and well-being – how this influences health of future generations

Annex A

Data sources currently used:

Population data		
Data/ information source	Content/ focus of data	Web link
Data Map Wales (Welsh Government)	Public sector data and maps (geographical information and associated services)	Home DataMapWales (gov.wales)
Office for National Statistics	Population statistics (Census, employment rates, population trends etc)	Home - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)
Stats Wales (Welsh Government)	Official data for Wales (including education, health and social care, population and migration and environment)	Catalogue (gov.wales)
Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (Welsh Government)	Measures of deprivation for small areas in Wales	Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation GOV.WALES
Well-Being Future Generations Future Trends (Welsh Government)	Report on future trends in 4 key areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People and Population • Inequalities • Planetary Health and Limits • Technology 	Future Trends: 2021 GOV.WALES
Well-Being Future Generations National Indicators (Welsh Government)	Data and summaries for each of the national well-being indicators	Wellbeing of Wales: national indicators GOV.WALES
National Survey for Wales (Welsh Government)	National population survey on a wide range of topics including well-being, finance, housing, sports and culture	National Survey for Wales GOV.WALES
Data Cymru (WLGA)	Provides access to a wide range of data and support to use data and research	Home - Data Cymru
Nomis (ONS)	Employment and labour market statistics	Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics (nomisweb.co.uk)
Health data		
Data/ information source	Content/ focus of data	Web link
Public Health Observatory – Health in Wales (Public Health Wales)	Population health outcome data (life expectancy, chronic conditions, lifestyle behaviours, mental well-being etc)	Data and analysis - Public Health Wales (nhs.wales)

Child Measurement Programme Data (Public Health Wales)	Measurements of height and weight of children in Reception year. Key measure of childhood obesity and overweight.	Child Measurement Programme - Public Health Wales (nhs.wales)
Public health data (Public Health Wales)	Public health data on a range of topics (screening, immunisations, diseases and infections, cancer etc)	Data - Public Health Wales (nhs.wales)
Environmental data		
Data/ information source	Content/ focus of data	Web link
Natural Resources Wales	Wales environmental information portal (flood, air quality, habitat etc) State of Natural Resources report & Area Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://smnr-nrw.hub.arcgis.com/ • State of Natural Resources Report (SoNaRR) for Wales • Natural Resources Wales / Area Statements
Public Health environmental data (Public Health Wales)	Environmental Health information to support health boards when commenting on planning applications or permissions	https://publichealthwales.shinyapps.io/EnvironmentalIndicatorsV1/
Planning and Health (Environment and Population) Evidence and Toolkits		
Data/ information source	Content/ focus of data	Web link
Creating healthier places and spaces for our future generations (Public Health Wales)	Summary of evidence around six priority areas of the natural and built environment an impact on health	Creating healthier places
Building Better Places (Welsh Government)	Planning system delivering resilient and brighter futures: placemaking and COVID-19 recovery	Building Better Places
Spatial planning for health evidence Review (Public Health England)	Review provides public health planners and local communities with evidence informed principles for designing healthy places	Spatial planning for health: evidence review - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Spatial planning and health – getting research into practice (GRIP) (Public Health England)	Study exploring opportunities and challenges of applying the principles of ‘Spatial Planning for Health’	Spatial planning and health: Getting Research into Practice

		(GRIP) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Dementia and town planning (RTPI)	Practice note on how town planning can work with other professionals to create better environments for people living with dementia	Dementia and town planning
Planning and enabling healthy environments: incorporating a template for planning policy (Public Health Wales)	Promotes a better understanding of the broader environmental and social barriers that impact on health, well-being and inequalities. Includes an SPG template	Planning and enabling healthy environments
Health Impact Assessment (HIA) and Local Development Plans (LDPs): a Toolkit for Practice (Public Health Wales)	Toolkit to support the use of HIAs in the development of LDPs	HIA and LDPs
Local Wellbeing Plans and assessments (Public Service Boards, Welsh Government)	Well-being assessments set out how PSBs will meet responsibilities under the Well-being of Future Generations Act	Public Services Boards GOV.WALES
Nature Recovery Action Plan (Welsh Government)	Strategy for nature sets out commitment to reversing loss of biodiversity in Wales	Nature recovery action plan GOV.WALES
Welsh Information for Nature Based Solutions (WINS) (Natural Resources Wales)	Mapping tool for areas of deprivation to identify opportunities for targeting flooding / noise pollution etc. Data can be used by LAs and developers	Welsh Information for Nature-based Solutions (WINS) (arcgis.com)
Green Infrastructure Valuation Toolkit (Ecosystems Knowledge Network)	A set of calculator tools to assess the value of a green asset or proposed green investment	Green Infrastructure Valuation Toolkit (GI-Val) Ecosystems Knowledge Network
Sustainable Development Goals (United Nations)	17 sustainable development goals	THE 17 GOALS Sustainable Development (un.org)
National social value measurement for Wales (National Social Value Taskforce)	Action based framework to enable assessment of social value contribution to the Well-being Act	National TOMs: Wales — National Social Value Taskforce

Other potential sources of data and evidence:

• Green Infrastructure Assessments
• Play & Open Space Assessments
• Area Statements
• Air Quality Assessments
• Active travel and transport data
• Impact Assessments including HIA
• Town and Community Councils including place plans
• GIS mapping
• Academic literature
• Local Health Board Plans & reports

Joint working opportunities

- Joint work on Local Development Plans including HIA & well-being plans
- Joint posts like current WHIASU secondment – spatial planning and health / locating health professionals within local authorities to broaden agenda
- Learning from others at a community level & focused community engagement projects
- Coordinated timetables
- Understanding trends
- Regular meetings and sharing information such as consultation techniques, social media links
- Public health led plans
- pandemic presents an opportunity, given the challenges it has and will raise/highlight for health and wellbeing, education, the economy, transport etc. - challenges that can at least in part be tackled through planning and health considerations.

Engagement Tool Examples:

- Welsh Government: Education Resources on Planning Our Wales
 - Primary School - [Repository - Hwb \(gov.wales\)](#)
 - Secondary School - [Repository - Hwb \(gov.wales\)](#)
- Planning Aid Wales Tools - [Community Engagement – Planning Aid Wales](#)