

POPULATION AND MIGRATION STATISTICS COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)

Plans for future stakeholder liaison

1. As part of the work of the Demography Division, staff are involved in a range of dissemination and training activities. Annex A lists activities which occurred in 2007 and 2008 as an illustration of the breadth of the interaction with stakeholders. These visits have been for a range of different purposes; in response to invitations to provide evidence ,to improve our understanding of our users' needs, for general dissemination purposes and discussion of specific methodological issues.
2. At an earlier PAMS meeting, GROS requested that local authorities would consider hosting a number of GROS staff for one or two days, the aim of this was:
 - to increase GROS statisticians' understanding of the use of their statistics and to Identify new requirements
 - to provide an opportunity to disseminate the work of GROS in a local area
 - where appropriate to discuss specific projects of interest – e.g. settlements, SAPE quality assurance, data sharing, drug related deaths and suicides
3. This invitation resulted in a number of offers, several of which have been taken up. GROS would like to now establish a structured programme of visits which will enable GROS to visit the all areas in Scotland, over the next two years, and also broaden the range of stakeholders involved for example. Health Boards, academics, Local Enterprise Companies, Regional Transport Partnerships.
4. In addition to the aims identified above, it may be that there is a need for more specific training events, which would contribute to the Scottish Government's aims to increase capacity in partner organisations.
5. Each visit will be lead by a member of the Demography Division, who will liaise with local authority representatives and other staff in GROS to agree the stakeholders to involve and agree a programme. It would also be helpful if a lead person from each council (such as the PAMS LA lead) could consider what they would want to get out of the meeting, and who should be involved. This could include people from other parts of the council, if appropriate.
6. **PAMS members are invited to suggest possible events which could be organised, and possible formats. These could be in the form of joint meetings between neighbouring areas, or a series of visits which could be organised over one or two days. They could incorporate a presentation from GROS staff as well as discussions about the issues described above. Offers of officials to lead on each visit would be appreciated.**

- 7. In addition PAMS members are invited to consider whether a series of workshops on specific topics would be of interest. A possible format for these workshops is presented in Annex B**

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Annex A

National level conferences and events

Improving population and household statistics event
SCOTSTAT conference
SNS/SIMD conference
Transport Model for Scotland user group days
British Society for Population Studies conference
Radical Statistics conference
Independent Healthy Ageing seminar
SPP3 Planning for Housing event

Participation in training/knowledge transfer

Scottish Government Analysts event on population projections
Edinburgh University, Public Health Sciences
Edinburgh University, Politics Department
ISD

Local authority visits

Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire council to discuss population projections
Fife council to discuss population and household projections
Renfrewshire Scrutiny Board
Borders Scrutiny Board
Tayside partners as part of Fresh Talent liaison meeting
Clackmannanshire council to discuss settlement methodology
Forth Valley research to present findings of population projections and developments in household statistics

Annex B

GROS could organise and facilitate a series of Workshops to improve understanding of the background, methodology and scope of the statistics that GROS provides. These would be aimed at users in local authorities and other public organisations. Topics could include:

- Life expectancy
- Population estimates / migration data sources
- Small area population estimates and geographies
- Population projections
- Household estimates
- Household projections
- Data linkage
- Vital events - Registration and ICD coding

3 hour workshops could follow a standard structure:

- Theory and methodology (45 mins)
- Using currently available data (45 mins)
- Developments in the topic (15 mins)
- Practical workshop/question and answer session (60 mins)