Using the KnowFife Dataset for Children's Services

What is this about?

An overview of how the KnowFife Dataset can be used to support local children's services groups.

Who is it for?

Anyone with an interest in understanding a local area or neighbourhood, particular in relation to services for children and young people.

What do you need to know?

KnowFife Dataset

The KnowFife Dataset is a shared information resource for partners in the public in Fife available at http://knowfife.fife.gov.uk

You can use it to:
- understand a neighbourhood or area
- look within and between different areas of Fife
- understand population
- support a bid for funding
- target areas of need
- assist with service planning and performance
- share information

Finding your way around the KnowFife Dataset

There are two main ways to find your way around the system:

1. Theme

Links from the home page take you directly to Themes – such as Population, Education and Skills, Health and Wellbeing – and content that relates to that theme.

2. Function

Links on the left hand side of the home page, take you directly in to the main functions of the system Quick Profile, Area Profiles, Thematic Maps.

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Children's Services Profile

You can get to a children's service profile for a single area (compared with Fife and Scotland) through Education and Skills or Health and Wellbeing. http://knowfife.fife.gov.uk/IAS/profiles/profile?profileId=297

To produce a profile for more than one geographic area, go to Area Profile.
1. Select Areas to profile (from map or list)
2. Select profile by Theme
3. Choose areas for comparison (including Local Committee)
For example, you could create a profile for Glenrothes by interzones.

You may also be interested in other profiles that are available, for example, Early Years Evidence (Fife level report), Child Poverty, or Labour Market profile (in development).

Thematic Maps

Thematic maps are a good way to look at differences within and between different parts of Fife, at different geographic levels. This can also help you see how an indicator has changed over time. See link to Education and Skills thematic map: http://knowfife.fife.gov.uk/IAS/dataviews/view?viewId=472

Pick and Mix

Choose your own indicators and areas, and create your own tables, maps and charts.

Resources
Links to related publications or other web resources are available in the system.   This includes to a link to ScotPHO community health profiles, www.scotpho.org.uk/profiles which include CHP Children and Young People profiles across Scotland.

Making the KnowFife Dataset work for you

Set up favourites to give you shortcuts to your content, relevant to your work, or local area: for example, Children's Services Profile for Dunfermline. You will need to register as user of the KnowFife Dataset. The user login on the home page includes a link to register or sign in. Registered users will also receive regular updates about new data and content in the system.

Where can you get more information?

A User Guide is available in the KnowFife Dataset, under Resources

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