Bulletin

August 2017

The KnowFife Dataset email bulletin is an update and roundup of information relating to the KnowFife Dataset. The KnowFife Dataset provides access to a broad range of social, economic and health and wellbeing indicators for partners and the public in Fife. http://knowfife.fife.gov.uk

A tribute to David Watkins

It is with great sadness that we say 'thank you' and 'goodbye' to David Watkins who died prematurely in August 2017, for his contribution to research in Fife and Scotland.

Through his work with Prof Glen Bramley at Heriot-Watt University, David played a key role in the development of the Fife Social Justice Analysis System, which evolved into the KnowFife Dataset.

Originally from Leven, Fife, David always had a strong personal interest in the work that we were doing in Fife, and this continued over the years, including our commissioning David and Glen to develop a set of local income and poverty estimates for Scotland.

He leaves a legacy of a strong research contribution to the evidence base on neighbourhoods and deprivation and the impact of austerity in Scotland and the UK, including:

- The cost of the cuts: the impact on local government and poorer communities
- Street cleanliness in better off and deprived neighbourhoods: a clean sweep

David's final piece of work with Glen was to develop Local Level Household Income Estimates for Scotland, 2014. Findings for Fife neighbourhoods are available here.

We will be forever grateful for his role in building our capacity and understanding of neighbourhoods and deprivation in Fife.

<u>News</u>

Latest Data Updates (click links for more detail)

Health & Wellbeing

- Smoking during pregnancy 2014-16
- ❖ First time mothers 2014-16
- **❖** Low birth weight 2014-16

Population

Population estimates 2016

Deprivation

Local Income Estimates

Economy

- Jan JSA update, Feb JSA update
- March JSA update, April JSA update
- May JSA update
- June and July JSA update
- ❖ Fife Economic Update to Profile
- **Economic Growth New Profile**
- ❖ Annual Labour Market Report 2017 a & b



Scottish Health Survey Fife Trends Over Time Infographic

A Scottish Health Survey summary infographic illustrating trends in smoking, obesity, physical activity, diet, general health, mental health and well-being, and alcohol consumption are presented in this infographic, produced by the Public Health Department, NHS Fife.





Population Estimates Infographic

Fife 2016 small area population estimates were published by NRS on Thursday 24th August 2017, they were available on KnowFife Dataset at Fife's many geographies on Friday 25th August 2017. This infographic produced by the KnowFife Partnership Hub, provides an overview of the new estimates.



Click here or on the image to view

<u>Training</u>

Formal training sessions for KnowFife Dataset users can be arranged. Please email the KnowFife Co-ordinator, Kerry Humphries, to express interest or arrange individual support meantime.



General Information

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) are changing the way they publish benefits statistics from August 2017. This means quarterly statistical data on the working age client group have been discontinued and will therefore no longer be provided on KnowFife. More information on existing benefit data is available via NOMIS.

The roll-out of Universal Credit in Fife began in April 2016 and started the transition from six existing benefits and tax credits – 'legacy' benefits – to Universal Credit. Fife will become a Full Service Universal Credit area in December 2017. Further details of how this affects the data published on KnowFife Dataset are here.

If you have any queries or questions regarding the content of the bulletin or the KnowFife Dataset or would like to be removed from the mailing list, please contact the KnowFife Co-ordinator:

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