

## SIMD to be published in 2016

The timetable for publishing the next edition of SIMD is now planned for 2016.

This has been decided mainly due to delays in redrawing data zone boundaries. This timetable replaces the anticipated date of 2015. SIMD is normally published every 3 years.

Data zone boundaries are being redrawn to take account of population shifts. These shifts were identified in the last census. This project has experienced delays and we expect redrawn data zones will be available in November 2014.

SIMD is built from information available in data zones. We have explored alternative methods, but without knowing the new boundaries it is difficult to plan for all aspects of SIMD. So we cannot begin our data capture until the boundaries are finalised.

SIMD is created from a snapshot of data available on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. This is always done in the year prior to publication. Doing so avoids seasonality (an effect of patterns associated with particular points in the year, such as employment rising nearer to Christmas). As this date has now passed and we cannot find a reliable alternative, our next opportunity is the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

We aim in 2016 to publish the next SIMD. This will give us extra time to continue to develop the themes identified in the SIMD review. Also the SIMD team will work to provide interim updates for the 'Employment' and 'Income' domains for the new data zones.

The SIMD team will continue to keep you informed through the website and newsletter.

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## Improving Health Indicators

In SIMD 2016 we will count the number of people being prescribed drugs for mental health issues.

Currently NHS provides us with estimates for the proportion of the population being prescribed drugs to treat anxiety, depression and psychosis.

New data is now being made available which means improvements can be made to this indicator. It will help us deliver informative data sets that accompany SIMD and the overall quality of the Health Domain.

## Raising Funds?

For fund raisers we have a fact sheet to help you.

[click here to read more](#)

It is designed to be a handy guide and used when trying to use SIMD to convey deprivation in your local areas.

It will help you understand 'local share' deprivation and shows you how to develop your own areas of interest.

If you need any additional help contact us through

[Neighbourhood Statistics](#)

## Learning Disabilities and Most Deprived

People with Learning Disabilities are more likely to live in the 20% most deprived areas according to the LDSS – Data Visualisation 2014 Report, launched by SCLD in Glasgow.

SIMD were at the launch and demonstrated how our data can be used with other sources to paint a bigger picture.

[click here to read more](#)