

Population And Migration Statistics (PAMS) Committee (Scotland)

Content of future PAMS Committee meetings

1. We are continuing to explore improvements to the way we run Population and Migration Statistics (PAMS) committee meetings. In November 2018, we asked members for their views on what they find useful from PAMS meetings and what they would like going forward.
2. One of the recommendations we are taking forward is to collate a bank of topics and ideas for future meetings and to seek input from members for their suggestions. This will help us shape the content and direction of future meetings.
3. We also agreed to consider options for external speakers and the possibility of further targeted spinoff training, which was particularly relevant for local authority representatives.
4. We have set aside time in this meeting to discuss potential ideas for future meetings and how we can better plan the agenda for future meetings to make them as relevant and useful for members as possible. This includes:
 - Hearing from non-NRS members of the committee more regularly, to learn more about how NRS data is being used.
 - Topics, data and analysis that members would most like to hear more about.
 - Demographic questions that members struggle to answer in their local area, potentially helping NRS to better target areas for data development.
 - Ideas for relevant external speakers that would be useful to hear from.
5. We would be very grateful for thoughts and feedback at the meeting on 1st May to help us plan for future meetings. This would not be a one-off exercise – we would like to maintain more regular dialogue with members going forward.