



Local Authority Templates

This paper is to inform PAMS members of plans to seek their help in providing information to be used in quality assurance of the Census.

The Census Data Quality Advisory Working Group proposes that three templates be circulated for completion by Local Authorities to inform Census Quality Assurance.

The templates are described below:

(1) Local Authority comments on data sources to be used in Census quality assurance

This template requests comments from Local Authorities on sources that will be used in quality assurance including 2001 Census results and population estimates. A list of other sources is provided for any relevant comments.

(2) Local Authority Comparator Datasets

This template requests information on datasets held by Local Authorities that may be useful in Census quality assurance. Only sources not listed in template 1 (data sources to be used in Census quality assurance) need be included. Possible data sources include Landlord Register, Houses in Multiple Occupation, Housing Benefit and social care systems.

A separate exercise is underway to investigate a joint agreement on data sharing at individual record level from administrative sources. However, this is unlikely to be in place in time for Census Quality Assurance. Census is interested in any relevant source that may be used in Census quality assurance at the discretion of the data owner. For example, if only aggregate figures can be supplied for a source then this would still be useful.

(3) Local Authority Local Knowledge

This template is for Local Authorities to provide any information that may be taken into account in Census quality assurance. In particular, information is requested on migration, students, constructions or demolitions and communal establishment change. This may be provided at any level of Geography as appropriate to each case.

Template Completion

The templates have been circulated to all PAMS members - The Census Data Quality Advisory Working Group proposes that PAMS members act as the primary contacts for completion of the templates although they may wish to circulate them within their Local Authorities.