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information about Scotland's people

Population Statistics Beyond 2011: an update

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UK

- Beyond 2011 project to establish and test alternative models to underpin population and socio-demographic statistics beyond 2011 Census
- ONS proposal received support in the recent spending review

UK: Scope

- Need for a fresh look at user requirements
- Feasibility research to report in 2014
- Longer term programme of work to pilot and implement an alternative model

UK: Work Programme

- To assess a wide range of options including enumeration-based census models
- Early focus on ‘integrated sources’ model
 - Administrative data:
 - Broad coverage: DWP/HMRC Customer Information System; GP patient Register;
 - Narrow coverage: School Census; Higher Education Student Record; NINO Allocations to Migrant Workers
 - Address Register
 - Surveys

Risks

- Infrastructure:
administrative and legal
- Cross-government effort
- Public acceptability and engagement

Scotland

- Census is a devolved matter
- Aiming to work with ONS on a coherent UK-wide model

Updates

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/about-statistics/methodology-and-quality/imps/beyond-2011/index.html>

Scotland: work programme

'Integrated sources' model

- Administrative data:

NHSCR, Electoral Roll, HESA, School Census (?),
CIS (?), NINO (?)

- Surveys - Scottish Government
- Address Register (One Scotland Gazetteer)

Scotland – work programme

- Record Linkage
building expertise and tools
(IBM Quality Stage, RELAIS, GLINK)
- Working with data providers and stakeholders
- Resource
3 FTE analysts and some IT support

Questions?