

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS: PAMS MEETING ON 19 June 2008

Para	Action	Who	Completed?
2.1	Allison Craig's name should be removed from the PAMS members list	Andrew White	Yes
4.4	GROS should announce that they are not going to run a Vacant Follow up Survey, and see if anyone objects	Peter Scrimgeour	Update to be provided at meeting.
4.5	The Census Liaison Officer for North Ayrshire Council should be Allison Craig	Peter Scrimgeour	Yes
5.1	It was suggested that GROS should consider the feasibility of providing household estimates by tenure. Esther noted that the Scottish Government Housing Statistics branch have been doing work in this area so may now be in a position to produce some data, and that she would investigate and feedback to the group.	Esther Roughsedge	Claire Boag from SG housing statistics is providing an update on their work on this area. It would, in theory, be possible for GROS to produce LA tenure estimates using an equivalent method to the household projections. However, this would involve projecting trends in tenure from the 1991 and 2001 Censuses, and tenure is more likely to change due to political changes, so a continuation of past trends may not be very meaningful.
5.2	It would be useful for small area population estimates to be broken down into population in households and in communal establishments. It was agreed that this should be possible and would be looked into. Esther commented that there may be an issue with confidentiality and would investigate this.	Esther Roughsedge	We have been looking into this. We are content with the quality of the 2006 data at LA level, but we have some concerns about the quality of the postcode information, and we would want to improve that before publishing communal establishment population counts at data zone level. We will aim to publish this data for future figures.
5.3	Kirsty said that she would look into the possible publication and use of DVLA data if aggregated and caveats added.	Kirsty MacLachlan	A post meeting note was added to the minutes explaining that DVLA may be completely unaware of, for example, the deaths or emigration of some licence holders
7.2	Kirsty said she would pass the PAMS LA members' grievances regarding the delay to the mid-2007 population estimates onto ONS.	Kirsty MacLachlan	ONS are aware of the problems caused to LAs and the Scottish Government, by the delay to the mid-2007 population estimates and have taken steps to ensure similar problems don't arise again.
7.3	GROS would supply the suicide data to ISD within the usual timescale.	Frank Dixon	Data was sent to SG Health on 9 th July. They send it to ISD.
7.5	Jenny Boag asked if they would get the opportunity to QA SAPEs. Celia was concerned there may not be enough time due to the MYE delay but will look into it and feed back.	Celia Macintyre	A SAPE working group meeting is planned for February at which involvement in local authorities in the QA process will be discussed.
7.6	Jan Freeke enquired about the outcome of the national consultation on population projections (involving Karen Dunnell). Emma Wright is producing a report, which will be available soon. Celia would find out the publication date and let everyone know.	Celia Macintyre	Report is delayed.

8.3	Jenny Boag asked if there had been any feedback on the consultation on output requirements from the 2011 census (now on the web). Peter said that at the moment GROS are waiting for ONS to give results, but this information, if substantial, will be passed on.	Peter Scrimgeour	Feedback circulated with papers for this meeting (PAMS (08) 20)
10.4	Kirsty discussed with the group the proposal to extend certain information collected on registration of births and still-births, to cover all births and still-births rather than only those to married parents. Alan Fleming asked what other countries ask this information during the registration of births, Kirsty said that England and Wales can't do it under their legislation but that she was unsure about other countries but would try to find out.	Kirsty MacLachlan	Ongoing
11.3	Kirsty had read a paper produced by Carol Jager from the University of Leicester, on research into the new dynamics of ageing for which she would send a reference around the group.	Kirsty MacLachlan	Link to Modelling Ageing Populations to 2030 research programme :- http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/MAP2030/ Link to Carol Jagger's work on 'Future disease patterns and their implications for disability in later life':- http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/MAP2030/researchProgrammes/futureDiseasePatterns.htm
11.4	Celia discussed the work of the Joint Improvement Team, which is set up to give support to LA procurement services and so involves projections of disabled populations. Celia would find out more about this and feedback to the group.	Celia Macintyre	Andrew White is involved in this group which is led by John Marr.
12.3	Jenny Boag has a list of topics for inclusion at the PAMS event and would email round for more suggestions	Jenny Boag	Yes
13.3	Jenny Boag mentioned that the Scottish Government weren't very good at advertising jobs beyond the SG (e.g. to local authority employees) and asked Kirsty MacLachlan to look into this matter.	Kirsty MacLachlan	The recent recruitment of assistant statisticians was advertised in the national papers