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LARIA Newsletter May 2021

LARIA Annual General Meeting 2021

Chair's Report, 10 June 2021

A lot has changed recently in all our lives, and things may never be how they were. For LARIA, the impact of the pandemic has meant that we have paid a heavy, but unavoidable, financial price for the changes we have had to make. However, we are also delivering a successful programme of online events, and our membership numbers continue to increase.

As LARIA Council, the group of volunteers that steers LARIA, we had already discussed and agreed the need to make changes to our operating model, which had remained largely unchanged for many years. Covid-19 brought those plans forward, but also stopped us delivering on some of our aspirations for the moment.

In 2020, we had to cancel our annual conference and the venue booking. The annual conference, the venue booking and the amount of the work that goes into organising the conference and management, means they carry a significant financial liability and risk for LARIA. The events, when they run, also deliver a small surplus, which we invest back into LARIA.

But due to coronavirus, we had to cancel our 2020 annual conference. This was a significant cost to LARIA, without any income to offset it. But LARIA Council felt it was the right decision to take to protect LARIA from further financial penalty.

[Full Report](#)

The AGM will be held on 10th June 4pm - 5pm. If you would like to attend please email

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Spring Webinar series

Join us for the last webinar of the Spring Webinar Series: What to do with all this data? – Developing platforms to analyse and share COVID-related data with professionals, service users and citizens, Thursday 27th May 2021, 14:00-15:40

Building an integrated systems response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Bury

Helen Smith, Strategic Performance & Intelligence Manager, Bury Council & Angela Partington, Head of BI, Bury CCG

Using Health, Social Care, Benefits and Troubled Families data to assess vulnerability during the COVID-19 pandemic

John Bowers, Liverpool Families Programme Data and Information Manager, Liverpool City Council

CoronaWatch: The Suffolk Covid-19 Data Story

Natacha Bines, Head of Population Insight, Suffolk County Council

During the webinar you will hear from the webinar sponsor [OCSI](#). There is the opportunity to book 1-2-1 meetings before and after the webinar to hear more about their work.

[Register Now](#)

The LARIA Research Impact Virtual Awards will take place after this webinar between 15.45 – 16.15. The shortlisted entries will be announced soon. To book a ticket to the awards, please register via the Register Now link above.

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LARIA East of England Regional Update

A group of Local Authorities have been meeting monthly to catch up and share experience with the 2021 Census enumeration. We've swapped what can be done to help, such as using our communication channels and knowledge to raise awareness in areas or communities. At the last meeting on 4th May the general feeling was "it's been better than expected". The focus is now changing to the Census Quality Survey and consultation on outputs - how can the richness of the data be used to the full.

Richard Potter
LARIA Organiser East of England

If you are interested in attending future LARIA East of England regional events, please email [Richard Potter](mailto:Richard.Potter@laria.org.uk).



The role of UPRNs in delivering health and social care

The scale and rapid response required by all public sector bodies in response to the COVID-19 pandemic was unprecedented in recent times. The value of data about place has been vital to accurately provide

efficient and effective service delivery solutions.

This report collates just some examples from across the country to showcase how location based data, specifically data with a Unique Property Reference Number, has been used to respond to resident needs, for instance identifying and supporting more vulnerable people needing additional care. The findings are supplemented with additional “How To” guides, designed to support local authorities and build on success. The key is to build on the work done towards more sustainable data-driven solutions for future service delivery needs.

[Read the report](#)



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Survey about adult day centres and related priorities

In May and June 2021, we are gathering views about priorities for action, development and research with respect to adult day centres. Completed surveys will support and steer our social care work funded by the NIHR (National Institute for Health Research) Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) South London programme. We are interested in the views of any 'day centre stakeholders' - anyone with experience of day centres, either through work or otherwise, or who may have any links with them. As a south London programme, respondents must live or be based in south London, or work with/in south London, or work regionally/nationally but whose work covers south London. Responses will be anonymous; we only ask which category of respondent you fall into. The survey can be found [here](#). We encourage you to circulate this internally and to local groups or bodies that may like to participate in this priority-setting exercise.

Webinars

Statistical Methods for Covid-19:

Webinar Series Organised by RSS Official Statistics Section

in collaboration with the Health Statistics User Group

Update on COVID 19 Vaccinations

Webinar to be held on 1st July 2021 from 12:00 to 13:30

This webinar will focus on Vaccinations - giving an update on coverage but also considering the effectiveness and impact of the vaccination programme. This will include work on the relationship between the vaccination programme and infections - and also the relationship with mortality statistics.

The programme will include speakers from the following organisations:

University of Strathclyde and Public Health Scotland - Vaccination Statistics in Scotland

Public Health England - Vaccination uptake and effectiveness in England

Office for National Statistics - Vaccination rates in England by socio-demographic characteristic, and also relationship with infections and mortality

Public Health Wales – Vaccination Statistics in Wales

[Registration is now open](#) for the webinar on 1st of July

Update on Test, Trace and Protect, and Initial Information on Vaccinations

Webinar held on 15th April 2021

This was the fourth in a series of webinars organised jointly by the Health Statistics User Group (HSUG) and the RSS Official Statistics Section. A summary report has been published on the [RSS website](#).

More detailed material from the webinar has been posted on the HSUG web page within StatsUserNet, including.

1. A recording of the webinar (available for limited period after the webinar- up to Friday 14 May)
2. The slides presented at the webinar
3. A report of the meeting
4. Q&A based on points raised by participants
5. Key links to information provided by speakers and others

Please see www.hsug.org.uk for advice on how to access the information on the HSUG webpage.



Consumer data insights for housing policy

Online workshop, June 24th 2021, 13:30 – 15:30 (online platform TBC)

Designing, implementing and evaluating housing policy requires robust, pertinent and up-to-date evidence about the interplay of population dynamics and housing markets. New sources and forms of consumer data provide an innovative resource for monitoring these dynamics more frequently and with greater local detail than when using conventional statistical sources alone.

Please refer to the [programme](#) for more information and timings.

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