LARIA Mini Newsletter September 2025

Courses, Training Events and Webinars

Using integrated non-survey data for evaluating and correcting for non-response bias in surveys

14 October 2025, 13:00 - 14:30
Online

Over the past decade, the landscape of survey data has substantially changed as response rates in probability-based surveys have seen a steady decline. Survey non-response can have a substantial impact on data quality, including the precision and reliability of survey estimates. The integration of non-survey data sources (i.e. administrative records, geospatial characteristics and digital trace data) can help to facilitate a more effective evaluation and correction of non-response bias in survey data.

This free workshop, delivered collaboratively by the Survey Futures Team (Strand 7) and the UK Data Service, explores the role of data integration in addressing non-response bias in social surveys. Presenters include Dr Thomas O'Toole, Professor Joe Sakshaug, and Dr Pierre Walthery.

The workshop will provide:

- An understanding of the mechanisms which drive non-response bias.
- An overview of integrated data sources and methods for evaluating the implications of non-response bias on data quality and correcting for non-response biases.
- An assessment of the benefits and challenges of working with integrated survey-to-non-survey data to address non-response bias.

- How to find and access sources of integrated data.

[More information and booking](#)

[View all UK Data Service events](#)

UK Data Service introductory training series: Autumn 2025

We provide access to a wide range of social science data for reuse. To help you get the most from these resources, we run a free introductory training series every spring and autumn to introduce different aspects of the UK Data Service.

Our training series workshops in autumn 2025 are listed below and you can also browse [our training and events pages](#) for a full list of what is available.

- [Introduction to effective and practical research data management](#), 2 October, 10 -11.30
- [Dissertation projects: Introduction to secondary analysis for qualitative and quantitative data](#), 8 October, 10 -11.30
- [Ethical and legal guidelines in data sharing](#), 16 October, 10 -11.30
- [How to become a computational social scientist](#), 21 October, 10 -11.30
- [Getting started with secondary analysis](#), 3 November, 10 -11.30
- [Role of Informed Consent in Ethical Data Collection, Sharing and Reuse](#), 4 November, 10 -11.30
- [Introduction to copyright](#), 11 November, 10 -11.50
- [Best practices for documenting social sciences research data](#), 17 November, 10 -11.30
- [Data in the spotlight: Large scale social surveys](#), 18 November, 10 -11.30
- [Data in the spotlight: Longitudinal data](#), 20 November, 10-11.30
- [Introduction to anonymisation techniques for social sciences research data](#), 24 November, 10 -11.30
- [UK Data Service essentials: Introduction, and finding and accessing data](#), 26 November, 10 -11.30
- [Data in the spotlight: International time series databanks](#), 27 November, 10 -11.30
- [Data in the spotlight: Qualitative and mixed methods data](#), 2 December, 10 -11.30
- [Data in the spotlight: Census and population studies](#), 9 December, 10 -11.30

Webinar: Storytelling for researchers

📅 Wednesday 15 October

🕐 10 to 11:15am

NIHR | Research Support Service

Specialist Centre for Public Health
delivered by Newcastle University and Partners

In this webinar, we'll explore how imagery, empathy, and curiosity become your tools for creating that crucial "way in" for your audience. All too often, audiences are left on the outside, unable to

see the value or potential of your projects. After attending, you'll be able to help them understand, access, and resonate with it instead. Duncan Yellowlees presents this session for those who want their work to land well with the people who need to hear it.

[Webinar: Making research engaging](#)

🗓 Thursday 6 November

ⓘ 11am to 12 noon

Dr Michael Johansen offers guidance and examples of how to make the research process interesting and how to tell a great story about it afterwards. Whether you're trying to engage community members to participate, or want to convince others that research has real-life benefits, Michael will talk through his methods of harnessing curiosity.

[Webinar: Creating a public and community involvement and engagement strategy](#)

🗓 Wednesday 26 November

ⓘ 10 to 11am

In this webinar, we will explore the benefits of creating a public and community involvement and engagement strategy for public health research in a local authority setting. Opened by Donna White, Senior Research Manager at NIHR, we will hear from two local authorities who have taken different approaches to creating their involvement and engagement strategy and what they learned through the process. Our speakers will share their top tips to getting started on creating an involvement and engagement strategy and there will be time to ask questions to the panel.

There's a new webinar in [this series](#). All events are free and open to all:

Harm Reduction and Belonging in the Provision of Homelessness Services

Wed, 12 Nov 2025 10 – 11am [Book here](#)

A reminder of October's event:

The role of Social Work in supporting people experiencing multiple exclusion homelessness

Tue 14 October 2025, 10 – 11am [Book here](#)

Python in action - Real world data science in local government

Join us to explore how local councils are using Python, a popular programming language, to drive data led improvements in local government. In this webinar you will learn more about what Python is and how it can be used, as well as hearing real world examples from two presentations in using Python and other data science techniques to deliver better outcomes for communities.

Hear from:

- William Levack-Payne, Data Manager at Data to Insight hosted by East Sussex County Council who will provide a clear introduction to Python, what it is, why it is useful and why a council would want to use it. They will also share how they worked with IT teams to implement it safely and effectively.
- Lisa Poole, Assistant Director of Parking Compliance and Rent Collection Service and Andre Modlitba, Data Scientist from Richmond and Wandsworth Councils who will share their real life example on how they used Python to link address data together and the benefits this has provided across revenues and benefits.

Join this session to develop your professional development by learning more about Python in data science as well as benefiting from tips and lessons from councils who are already making use of Python.
Stay for a live Q&A session with all speakers, where you'll have the opportunity to ask questions and dive deeper into the projects and tools discussed.

Date: 31 October 2025
Time: 14:00 until 15:30
Book Now

Prevention is better than cure, how data in public health improves lives

Discover how local councils are using data and advanced analytics to improve population health outcomes. In this webinar, we will hear from three presentations on how data driven approaches are being used to enhance public health decision making and service delivery.

Hear from:

- Adam Briggs, Director of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Public Health Research Programme and Deputy Director of Public Health at Oxfordshire County Council about how the NIHR supports data led research within local government, and how councils can maximise the intelligence and opportunities of their own data to inform public health strategies.

- Jasjot Saund, Public Health Registrar at London Borough of Lambeth with a case study on using R, an opensource statistical programming language, to model survival outcomes among individuals who have and have not received NHS Health Checks.
- Rebecca Allen, Head of Public Health Analytics, and Kathryn Loxton, Senior Public Health Data Analyst at Suffolk County Council who will share how they used R (and a bit of SQL) to analyse population health data to drive a targeted suicide prevention initiative in men across Ipswich, Suffolk.

Stay for a live Q&A session with all speakers, where you'll have the opportunity to ask questions and dive deeper into the projects and tools discussed.

Whilst this webinar focuses on public health use cases, the content will be of interest to anyone who is interested in using advanced analytical techniques in their local government work.

Date: 20 November 2025
Time: 14:00 until 15:30
Book Now

Jobs

To submit a job advert to appear in the newsletter or on the LARIA website, please download and complete this form (Full Corporate and Corporate Members only). You can also post Job Vacancies on the Jobs Board in the LARIA Members' Area.

The next newsletter submission deadline is Thursday 23rd October.

Are you a Corporate or Full Corporate Member?

Your LARIA Corporate Membership entitles you to submit content
to the monthly LARIA newsletter, if you have any research,
events, job adverts, resources or news which you would us to include please send it
to admin@laria.org.uk.

The next newsletter submission deadline is Thursday 23rd October.