

From : [REDACTED]
To : VSOB
CC :
Date Sent : 21/01/2014 14:38:39
Subject : [FW: Proposed change to the geographical coverage of VS4 and VS4d](#)

Dear VSOB team

Late last year, we became aware of the proposal to change the geographic basis for the local VS4 and VS4D data, and just wished to make some observations. Unfortunately, I have just realised that this is now a couple of days outside the stated deadline, but I hope you can still consider the following thoughts.

I note the reasons behind the proposed move to MSOAs as the geography for this data, but I would like to suggest that ward boundaries remain the primary geography, particularly for table VS4 – the live births and deaths data. As a local authority, most of our local area analysis is still required on the basis of wards – as our most commonly-identified communities and the main channels for local political representation and the organisation/provision of services. Birth and death rates are an important element of demographic analysis at a ward level, whether in both general / ward profiles and for specific pieces of work, e.g. birth rates for school place planning, death rates for social care issues. Having the data only on the basis of MSOAs will make this work much more difficult to undertake *and* explain/report to colleagues – most of whom are happy thinking in terms of wards but not MSOAs.

In terms of the 'Alternative options' identified on page 2 of the paper, either Wards or the '2011 Census merged wards' may be acceptable for the VS4 table – there are advantages in both. If the merged wards were ONS' preferred option after MSOAs, we could probably work with them, as a more recognisable (but still more 'fixed') geography.

To a lesser (although increasing) extent, LSOAs are becoming more used as a local geography for both research and policy. However, at this stage, MSOAs remain very rarely used for any of our local analysis – in effect, only where there is no alternative option for a particular piece of work. In terms of the VS4D table, I have a less strong view, in as much as I use this table less often than VS4. To my knowledge, this table is used more by analyst colleagues in our Public Health team and local Health Board (not surprising, as it revolves around cause of death), who have already moved further down

the road of MSOA use for their local analytical work – often out of necessity due to the low numbers involved for certain episodes/causes.

I hope you find these comments useful, and apologies once again for being a little late submitting a response. I would be very grateful if you could keep me informed of the outcome or future developments on this issue.

Many thanks

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 12 December 2013 14:01

To: 'VSOB@ons.gsi.gov.uk'

Subject: RE: [PROTECT] - Re: VS General Release Tables

Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your reply. Please can I request the 2012 VS3 data for City & County of Swansea, together with VS4 and VS4d data for wards in the City & County of Swansea? If possible, please could you also let me know when the VS1 and VS2 tables will be available on the website?

Thanks also for the update on the future use of MSOAs – I will be making a separate response to that in the New Year.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of**

VSOB@ons.gsi.gov.uk

Sent: 12 December 2013 10:10

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: [PROTECT] - Re: VS General Release Tables

Dear Colleague,

2012 VITAL STATISTICS (VS) TABLES FROM ONS.

This letter is to inform you of the content and arrangements for the ordering and despatch of the general release 2012 VS Tables.

If you are not the correct recipient of this email please forward to the appropriate department.

DATA CONTENT

For 2012 the following VS tables will be available for general release:

VS1 & VS2: **These tables will be available via the ONS website:**

Births by area of usual residence.

Deaths by area of usual residence.

VS3: Mortality Data by Cause will show information by quinary age bands for selected

causes by original cause.

VS4: Live births and Mortality Data by Ward.

VS4D: Mortality, selected causes by Ward.

CAUSE OF DEATH

The 2012 VS tables that contain cause of death are based on original cause of death as given in the death register and based on the doctor's or coroner's certificate of cause of death.

DATA DESPATCH

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Briefing note on disclosure control policy for births and deaths statistics:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/best-practice/disclosure-control-policy-for-birth-and-death-statistics/disclosure-control-policy-for-birth-and-death--briefing-note.pdf>
<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/best-practice/disclosure-control-policy-for-birth-and-death-statistics/disclosure-control-policy-for-birth-and-death--briefing-note.pdf>

Thank you

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Hello

At a recent meeting, a colleague from [REDACTED] indicated that the 2012 VS data had recently been released – however, I don't recall seeing any e-mail alert for this. The colleague also mentioned that some of the data which was released for wards may now be on the basis of MSOAs, although whether this was in addition to (or instead of) the ward level VS4 data wasn't clear.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
On Behalf Of VSOB@ons.gsi.gov.uk
Sent: 23 October 2012 07:32
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [PROTECT] - Re: 2011 VS General Release Tables

Dear [REDACTED]

I have attached the VS tables for Swansea for 2011 as requested.

These data may be reproduced freely within your organisation; however they may not be used for sale, advertising purposes, or commercial gain. The data may not be placed, either in whole or in part, on the Internet, without the prior approval of ONS.

The Births by area of usual residence 2011 will be available on the website on the 31.10.2012 (VS2)
The Deaths by area of usual residence will be available on the website December/January (VS1)

The delay is due to the late release of the population figures as they will be using the 2011 census populations.

I hope this is of help.

Kind regards.

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	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>22/10/2012 15:49</p>	<p>To: VSOB@ONS cc: Subject: RE: 2011 VS General Release Tables</p>
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail. Yes, I would again like to receive the available VS tables for 2011 for the City & County of Swansea, and wards within. Please can you send these to me via this e-mail address.

As suggested in your email, have looked for the VS1/VS2 tables on the ONS website but the level of local authority level detail in the tables I found does not seem to match what I had last year.

Are these the correct links for the 2011 VS data?

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/re-reference-tables.html?edition=tcm%3A77-276693>
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Many thanks

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From: [REDACTED]

On Behalf Of VSOB@ons.gsi.gov.uk

Sent: 17 October 2012 15:19

To: [REDACTED]

Subject:2011 VS General Release Tables

Dear Colleague,

2011 VITAL STATISTICS (VS) TABLES FROM ONS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES

This letter is to inform you of the content and arrangements for the ordering and despatch of the general release 2011 VS Tables.

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For 2011 the following VS tables will be available for general release:

VS1 & VS2: **These tables are now available via the ONS website:**

VS3: Mortality Data by Cause will show information by quinary age bands for selected

causes by 'original' cause. This table will be supplied to both the NHS and Non-NHS customers.

VS4: Live births and Mortality Data by Ward.

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DATA DESPATCH

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Briefing note: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/search/index.html?content-type=Guidance+and+methodology&pubdateRangeType=allDates&newquery=briefing+note+births&pageSize=50&applyFilters=true>
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Regards,

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We welcome feedback on the content, format and relevance of the data provided. Please provide any feedback and state whether you would like your contact details to be added to our list of users. All known users will be invited to participate in any consultations that are run. Further information about user engagement and future consultations on Health and Life Events products can be downloaded from the ONS website at: www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/method-quality/user-engagement/user-engagement-in-the-health-and-life-events-division.pdf
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