

Widening access to local government performance information

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Aim of session

- Life after the Audit Commission – making open data a reality
- Publishing performance data as part of sector-led improvement
- LG Inform a new improvement tool for local government

Life after the Audit Commission?

Yes, through sector-led improvement:

- councils are responsible for their own performance (through transparent data, self-assessment and peer challenge)
 - they are accountable locally, to local residents and businesses (not to central government or inspectorates or regulators)
 - and there is a sense of collective responsibility for each other
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Making open data a reality

- No National Indicator Set – but lots of data
 - Code of Practice on Local Government Transparency – mandating the publication of data
 - Freedom of Information Act – mandating the publication of reusable data
 - Breakthrough Fund – helping the sector doing its own work to open data
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Open data is part of the story

A range of LGA support to help councils:

- corporate peer challenge
 - productivity and efficiency programme
 - supporting and developing councillors
 - supporting and developing officers
 - workforce support
 - service-specific
 - data and benchmarking
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Publishing performance data

Aims of LG Inform:

- to bring together into one place a selection of key information about an area
 - to make data available across the council
 - to allow local government to collect its own data
 - to assist councils in terms of their transparency and accountability
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LG Inform

My LG Inform

Dashboard title
Dashboard

Select metrics
Choose a metric + **Add**

Reset your dashboard to LG defaults | Clear the metrics from your list

Currently selected metrics

- Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent, including English and Maths
- Population - Three broad age groups (economic) - percentage of the population aged 16 and over by male and 16 and over by female
- Children looked after rate, per 10,000 children aged under 18
- Permanent placement of younger adults (aged 18 to 24) in residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population
- Children in primary school who are children in

Dashboard description
Personalised dashboard

Select your area
Derbyshire

Performance measurement scale
Quartiles

Number of bands: 4

Comparison group
All English authorities

Report link
Examples of a dashboard report for children's records

Feedback from the Prototype was that you would like an additional level of personalisation so in the new LG Inform you can now: edit your homepage dashboard to make it relevant to your role; set your default area; add logos for use in your reports and create your own comparison groups.

As we have added a lot of new reports to LG Inform since the Prototype you can also customise your areas of interest so you only receive notifications of reports you are interested in. To find out more about customising LG Inform see our 'how to' guide and our FAQ section.

My area

Select your area from either of the boxes below to view reports for your area of choice.

Please select your authority

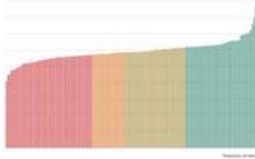
OR

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England Compared To All English Authorities, Quantiles Dashboard ?

Metric	Value	Period	Unit of measure
Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent, including English and Maths	58.6	2012/13 (academic)	Percentage of the count of pupils at the end of KS4
Overall employment rate (working-age)	71.3	2013 Q2 (rolling)	Percentage of the working age population
Children looked after rate, per 10,000 children aged under 18	60	2012/13	Per 10,000 children aged under 18

Report builder



The report builder is the biggest development in LG Inform. It allows you to create maps, charts, text or tables using any metrics that are held in the LG Inform and combine these into a report in very much

Further details

- Register for LG Inform:
 - www.local.gov.uk/lginform
 - Take part in LG Inform discussions on the Knowledge Hub:
 - <https://knowledgehub.local.gov.uk/group/lginform>
 - Find out about transparency:
 - www.local.gov.uk/local-transparency
 - Contact the LGA at: research@local.gov.uk
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And another thing...

- Is there scope to work with APSE in the future?
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