

South Tyneside Evidence & Engagement Workstream

**Fuse: Developing research systems in local
authorities: challenges and opportunities - 19th
June 2024**



Overview

- Journey to date
- Key aims and projects
- Reflections and questions



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Local context

NIHR South Tyneside Council Report

Research-informed decision-making: learning from each other to develop research capacity and activity within South Tyneside Council whilst harnessing the benefits of a wider regional research support infrastructure

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South Tyneside Council 'Our Council' Change Programme



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Transformation Board



Prevention

Commercial

Modern, fit for purpose Council

Evidence & engagement

Work Programme – Key Projects

Leadership & Governance

Research Champions Network

Research Enquiry Service

Internal Research Hub

South Tyneside Academy of Research & Technology

Peer Learning Networks

Local Research Conference & Events

Data & Evidence Informed Decision-Making Skills & Needs Assessment

Employee & Elected Member Training & Development

Data Systems & Infrastructure

PLINTH

Our South Tyneside Data Observatory

Supporting Families Data Platform Pilot

M365 Tools

Social Media Listening & Reporting Platform

Data Strategy

Public Involvement & Community Engagement

Equality Objectives & Impact Assessments

EDIB Partnership Summit

Our Jarrow (Town Board) Conversation

Knowledge into Practice & Policy

Customer Contact Work

Anti-Poverty and Warm Spaces

Disseminating Our Learning

Research Activities

Welcome to the South Tyneside Data Observatory


Quick Ward Profile

Enter a post code or click on a ward on the map below to view an overview profile

Search by postcode




Population

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Children & Young People

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Health & Social Care

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Housing

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Crime & Community Safety

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Deprivation

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Economy & Employment

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Environment

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Total resident population
148,667
2022

Source: Office for National Statistics



Population Projection
159,669
2043

Source: Office for National Statistics



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Making Better Decisions Survey

Many of us have a role to play in ensuring that we, as an organisation, make good, data and evidence-informed decisions.

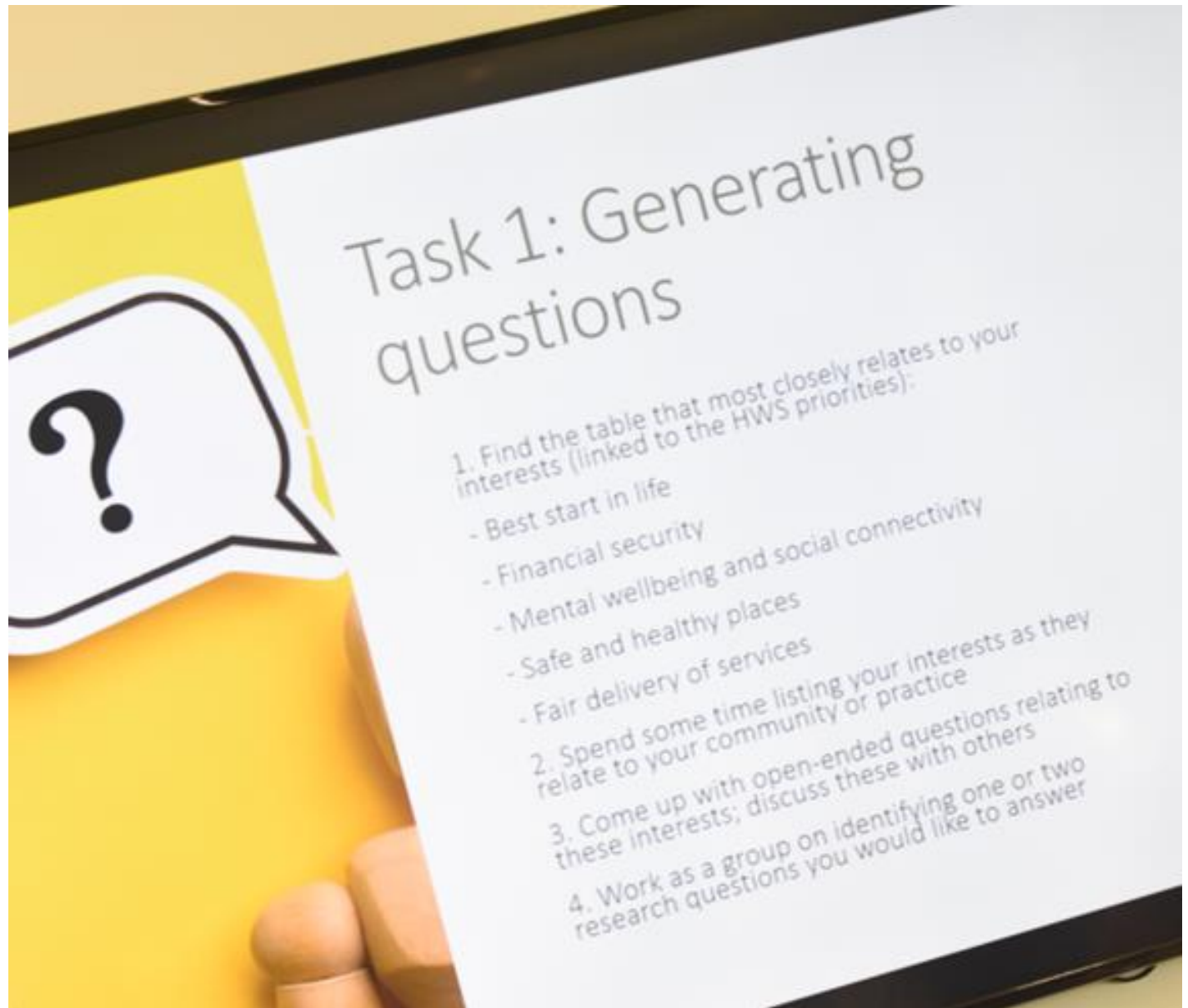
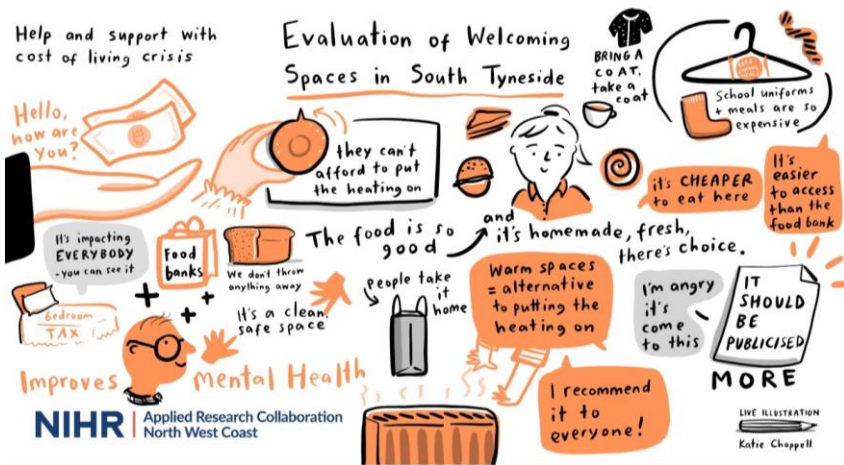
The survey is open to all employees who use data and evidence - to whatever degree - in their roles. For example, colleagues whose roles involve:

- Strategy and/or policy development
- Report and/or briefing note writing
- Business case and/or bid development
- Analysing and/or presenting data
- Undertaking consultation/engagement activities
- Strategic and/or operational decision making

The aim of the survey is to understand the current data and evidence-informed practice skills and training needs across the organisation. It is anonymous and not a personal assessment, so please answer as honestly as you can!

The results will shape training and development opportunities and identify the tools and resources we need to better the generation and use of data and evidence.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact the Policy & Insight Team - policy&insight@southtyneside.gov.uk



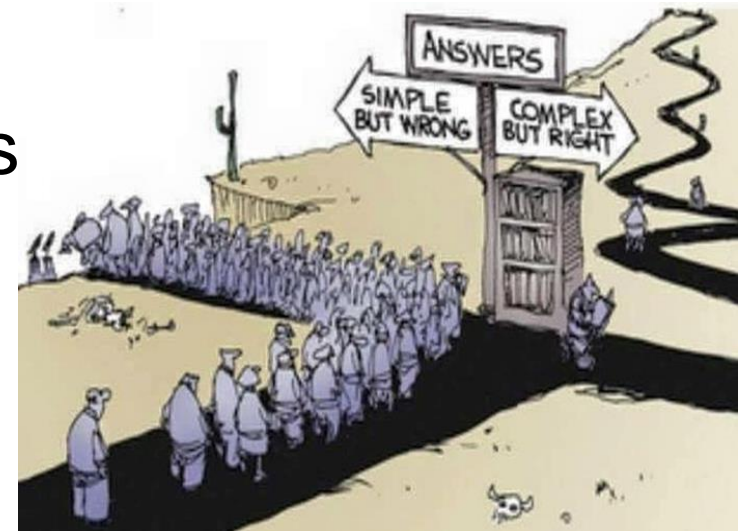
Reflections

Challenges

- Staff time & capacity
- Access to funding
- Organisational culture
- Research skills & training opportunities
- Austerity & need to "progress quickly"
- Perceptions & misconceptions

Enablers

- Senior leadership buy-in
- Pockets of interest and enthusiasm
- Regional & national infrastructure
- Tough choices



What next?

- Communicate and embed our evidence and engagement vision
- Launch START programme based on needs assessment
- Co-produce engagement toolkit
- Maximising existing assets
- Developing governance arrangements and processes

