

# **SCOTTISH NEIGHBOURHOOD STATISTICS - WEBSITE REDEVELOPMENT**

## **STATISTICAL PUBLICATION NOTICE**

### **Highlights of the February 2007 Update**

The redeveloped Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics (SNS) internet site was launched today, Tuesday 6 February 2007. The whole look of the site has changed, mainly for reasons of accessibility and to give it a more modern, standardised feel. In order to make analysis of the data much easier, the following additional functionality has also been added to the site:

- Standard Reports – A set of 5 standard reports which give a variety of outputs for a set of pre-selected indicators and geographies;
- Data Download – A set of 4 options to allow the user to download data, metadata and geography look ups and shape files;
- Other system enhancements include a search function, new help text and improved access to data and geography metadata;

The regular quarterly update of the website and database was also carried out today.

- The main highlights of the February update include updated hospital admissions data at data zone level from 2001 to 2005 and new maternity data from 2001 to 2005. Revised benefits data at various geographies from 1999 to 2006 and new business sites by sector data at local authority level for 2005 & 2006. New proximity to derelict sites data for 2006 at data zone level, Life Expectancy at birth data for the first time ever, from 1999 to 2005 and new Home Care data at local authority level for 2006.

In addition, 2 new geographies have been added to the SNS system as part of the February launch namely Community Health Partnerships and Multi Member Wards also, the Health Board boundaries have been updated, to reflect the abolition of Argyll and Clyde health board.

The indicators and further information on the update is available at [www.sns.gov.uk](http://www.sns.gov.uk)

### **Background about Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics**

Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics is the Scottish Executive's on-going programme to improve the availability, consistency and accessibility of small area statistics in Scotland. The SNS internet site provides statistics about local communities and makes use of the data zone small area geography which contains on average 750 residents.

Local communities can be expressed in terms of groups of these data zones, and the internet site contains a wide range of socio-economic statistics describing the characteristics of these communities. New socio-economic data is added on a quarterly basis and this will allow change in the circumstances of local communities to be better understood.

This information is being used to inform the Scottish Executive's approach to improving the quality of life for people living in Scotland and especially in the most disadvantaged areas. The information is also invaluable to Community Planning Partnerships and public sector agencies where the availability of up-to-date high quality information is crucial to the way in

which services are developed and delivered and issues of local concern are addressed. It will also help community groups bring together information to support grant applications.

**Contact us to improve Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics**

We would welcome any comments or suggestions that would help us to improve Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics. Matt Perkins or John Fraser at the Scottish Executive can be contacted on 0131 244 0442 or [neighbourhood.statistics@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhood.statistics@scotland.gsi.gov.uk). If you would like to be consulted about new or existing statistical collections or to receive notification of forthcoming statistical publications, please register your statistical interest on the Scottish Executive ScotStat internet site at [www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/scotstat/home](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/scotstat/home).