

POPULATION AND MIGRATION STATISTICS COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)

Population Projections Working Group Update

Background

This paper summarises the work to date of the Population Projections Working Group (PPWG). The remit, work plan and all the papers and minutes from this group are available on the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS) website through the following link:

<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/user-consultation-groups-seminars/population-projections-working-group-ppwg/index.html>.

Comments or questions about this work are welcome to Cecilia.Macintyre@gro-scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

The main items in the work plan are: -

- Mortality and Fertility Scaling Factors (To be put out to tender)
- Controlling the results to the national total (Partly complete)
- Economic Factors in population projections (An internal SE group is being set up to discuss adding economic factors to population projections)
- Migration assumptions for population projections (Sharon Meighan has started to progress this work)
- Other methods for making population projections including available software (Literature review completed and POPGROUP / HOUSEGROUP purchased for Evaluation)
- Accuracy of past projections (Completed)
- Support for demographic statistics (Partly completed. Questionnaire sent to LAs and a questionnaire is planned to capture NHS use and requirements. Meeting with SE planners and others are in progress.)
- Requirements for geographic areas (This work will be progress later on in the review)
- Variant Projections (No progress)

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