**Read me – Survey datasets**

*Scottish Local Government during COVID-19: Data Needs, Capabilities, and Uses*

The dataset is part of an ESRC funded project led by Dr Justine Gangneux and Prof Simon Joss at the Urban Big Data Centre(Grant no. ES/S007105/1) which examined Scottish local government’s data engagement during COVID-19.

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**Information about the survey**

The survey was designed to collect systematic information about Scottish local authorities’ data uses and data sharing practices in response to the pandemic. It aimed to identify arising data needs and gaps in local authorities’ data capabilities, as well as explore practices of data sharing and collaborations. It was distributed to two respondents in each of the 32 Scottish LA as follows (targeted population = 64):

* One senior staff member in the IT, data management or data intelligence teams (data cohort)
* One senior staff member with a portfolio related to post-pandemic recovery management (recovery cohort)

The overall completion rate is 70.3%, with 31 out of 32 local authorities (96.8%) participating. It was conducted via the JISC Online Survey platform between 21 October and 14 December 2020 in collaboration with the Digital Office for Scottish Local Government (see report for full methodology).

**Details of datasets**

**Data cohort**

* Survey\_data cohort\_questions (pdf)
* Survey\_data cohort\_key file (cvs)
* Survey\_data cohort\_results (cvs)
* Survey\_data cohort\_summary results (pdf)

**Recovery cohort**

* Survey\_recovery cohort\_questions (pdf)
* Survey\_recovery cohort\_key file (cvs)
* Survey\_recovery cohort\_results (cvs)
* Survey\_recovery cohort\_summary results (pdf)