**2018 Community Planning Officials Survey ReadMe File**

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**Dataset Title:** 2018 Community Planning Officials Survey

**Project Description**: This dataset contains information from a survey of community planning officials who work in local authorities in Scotland. The aim of the survey is to understand the nature of this workforce and how community planning as a function of local government operates in Scotland. This project is part of What Works Scotland an independent research programme funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and the Scottish Government.

This dataset aimed to capture as many people as possible who were working in community planning capacities in local government in Scotland during the survey period of May to August 2018. It is therefore not a sample of the population, rather it is aiming towards full population coverage of this group of officials.

This dataset is open access.

**Dataset:** .csv file with corresponding variable names from questionnaire in line 1 (attached). A .csv file is deposited as it can be written into any statistical software.

**Dataset coding:** Variable names have been provided by the data depositor. There are not numerical codes for the data in the contained .csv file so that others who use this data can create their own numerical codes in statistical software. A Personal Identification number (PIN) is given to each respondent.

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