

Open Government Data in the UK

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A World of Open Data

Tim Berners-Lee on the next Web

TED2009, Filmed Feb 2009; Posted Mar 2009



Federal Government, USA



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 ☐ Banking, Finance, and Insurance



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United Kingdom Government


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Data unlocking service



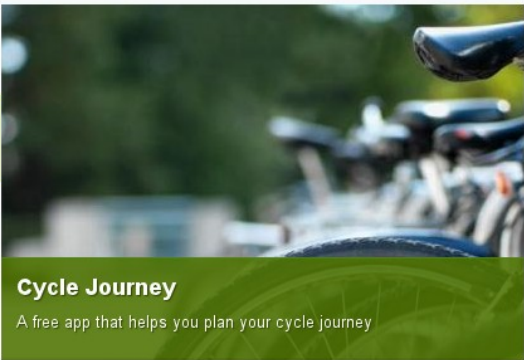
Cycle Journey



Emissions data - Defra data



Renewable Energy Map



Cycle Journey

A free app that helps you plan your cycle journey





PAUSE

Over 6,200 datasets to view

Inside Government Data

Who's who in Government and where does the money go? Follow these links to find the data that opens it all up.

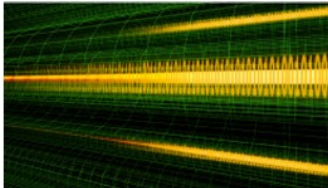
- Government spend over £25,000, by department
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Find data of interest

Looking for something specific, or just want to know more about how Government spends your money? You'll find datasets here to help you get answers.



Apps

Want your phone to wake you when you get to your train station? Discover over 100 apps harnessing public data to make your life easier.



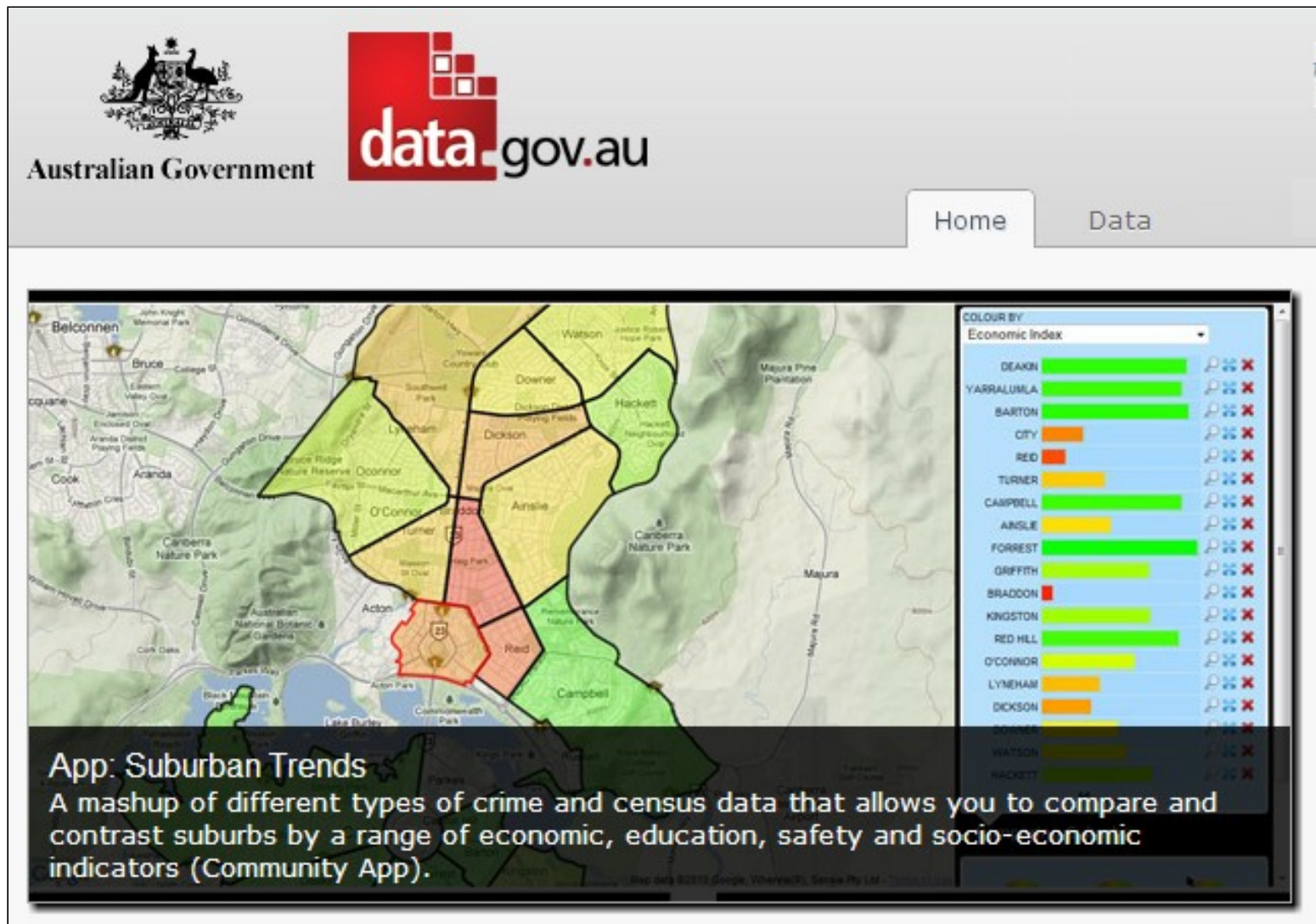
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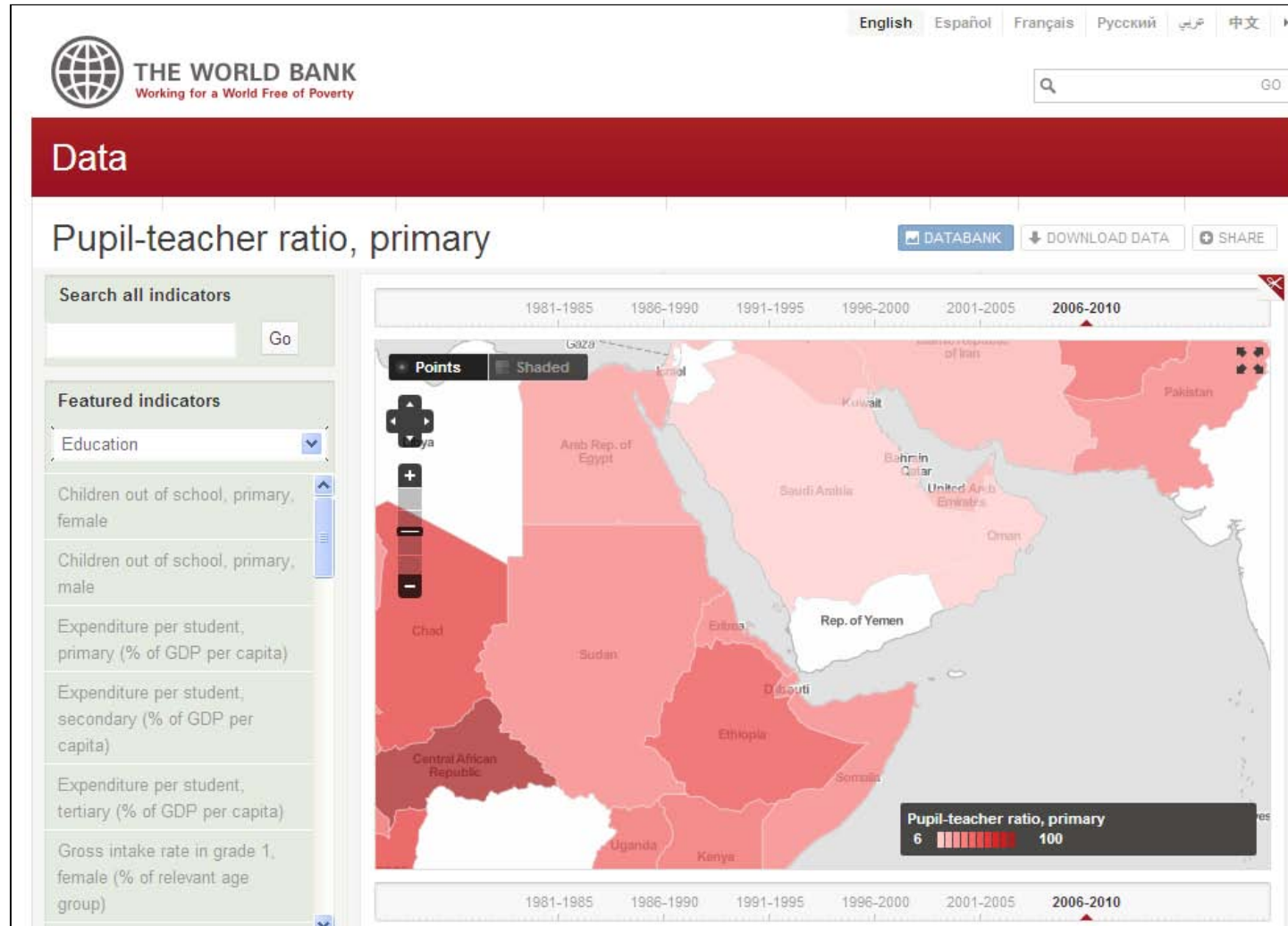
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World Bank




London, United Kingdom

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A first step towards
freeing London's data

Visualisation by [ITO World](#) using London Transport data

Welcome to the London Datastore


The London Datastore has been created by the Greater London Authority (GLA) as an innovation towards freeing London's data. We want citizens to be able access the data that the GLA and other public sector organisations hold, and to use that data however they see fit – free of charge. The GLA is committed to influencing and cajoling other public sector organisations into releasing their data here too.

Latest blog entry

[Where's the loo? Making data on public toilets more widely available](#)
21ST APRIL 2011

The London Assembly is trying to help improve the quality of data published about public toilets in London, and we would appreciate your help.

City of Vancouver, Canada



Open Data Catalogue Beta v2

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Open data home

Get the data

- Data catalogue
- City web feeds

About the data

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Collaborative Cities

The Cities of Vancouver, Edmonton, Ottawa and Toronto have recently joined forces to collaborate on an **"Open Data Framework"**. The project aims to enhance current open data initiatives in the areas of data standards and terms of use agreements. Please [contact us](#) for further information.

Updates

City of Vancouver - Most Innovative Organization in B.C.

April 12, 2011


City of Vancouver has won the 2011 BC Business Innovator first place award for its open data program. More information

Business Licence data improved

March 10, 2011

The City has just improved the Business Licence data on the Open Data website to include latitude and longitude attributes. In addition, XML Document Type Definition (DTD) information is also made available and embedded inside the XML file.

Please feel free to provide us with feedback on this or any other aspect of the Open Data website on our [feedback page](#). As always, your use of the data available from this site is governed by the City's [Terms of Use](#) and by downloading the data, you are agreeing to be bound by these [Terms of Use](#)



Give us your feedback

Which data items would you still like to see added to the City's Open Data site? Fill out the survey.

[See the feedback form](#)

Open Data updates

Receive updates on developments related to this site:

- [Subscribe to the RSS feed](#)
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- [Open Data update history](#)

Connect with the Community

Community developers have created a wiki and discussion group to share application ideas and discuss datasets.

[Vancouver Open Data Wiki](#)

[Discussion Group](#)

Please note: These community sites are not affiliated with the City of Vancouver.

Background

[City Council Motion: Open Data, Open Standards and Open Source \(PDF\) 22 KB](#)

City of Rennes, France



11743

jeux de données

participants au concours

2,6M

appels aux API

ACCUEIL

LES DONNÉES

VOS APPLICATIONS

VOS IDÉES

NOTRE DÉMARCHE

LE CONCOURS

ESPACE DÉVELOPPEUR

Accueil

Dépenses

290,2 millions d'euros

Personnel 51,3 %

Autres charges 18,2 %

Subventions et participations 15,8 %

Autofinancement 12,8 %

Intérêts 1,9 %

148,9 millions d'euros

Fonctionnement

Recettes

290,2 millions d'euros

Impôts et taxes 48,8 %

Dotations d'État 23,4 %

Autres recettes 16 %

TPC 11,7 %

141,7 millions d'euros

BUDGET

OPEN DATA

RENNES

ouverture des données

budgétaires

Les comptes de la Ville de Rennes depuis 2008

Forward to the past // 18.04.2011 // Les mercredis de la métropole à la cantine numérique rennaise : Spécial Laval Virtual, 3D et réalité... // > Lire la suite

Des données du service des jardins de la Ville de Rennes qui décrivent le parc du Thabor // 05.04.2011 // Le service des jardins de la Ville de Rennes met à votre disposition ses données concernant le jard... // > Lire la suite

De nouvelles données du SIG // 30.03.2011 // La localisation des vélos STAR et les arrêts physiques du réseau STAR sont maintenant disponibles // > Lire la suite

RECHERCHEZ DANS LES DONNÉES

Rechercher

ok

LES DONNÉES

L'entrepôt de données de Rennes Métropole vous donne la possibilité d'accéder à différents jeux de données, sous différents formats et en provenance de différents services de la Ville de Rennes et de Rennes Métropole et leurs partenaires.
Pour trouver les données qui vous intéressent ou simplement pour visiter notre entrepôt n'hésitez pas à consulter notre catalogue.
> Le moteur de recherche est simple, laissez vous guider...

VOS APPLICATIONS

Vous êtes développeur et vous avez imaginé l'appli qui tue ?
Pour que tout le monde le sache n'hésitez pas à publier les caractéristiques de votre service dans cette rubrique du site.
Allez dans l'espace développeur et suivez les instructions : une image, un descriptif, un lien et hop ! en deux temps, trois mouvements vous voici dans notre "data store"...
> Vous cherchez l'appli qu'il vous faut pour vous faciliter la ville ? c'est ici...

VOS IDÉES

Qui dit ouverture des données publiques dit aussi travail en commun, rencontres, réseaux, communautés.
Dans cette partie "Forum" de notre site nous vous proposons d'échanger, de questionner, de débattre de vos idées. Concrètes, poétiques, drôles, efficaces, utiles, les idées d'aujourd'hui seront les services de demain...
Pas de débats techniques qui trouveront leur place dans l'espace développeur mais bien une place publique de l'imagination !
> Pour inventer ensemble les services de demain ...

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City of San Francisco, USA

DataSF App Showcase

Transparency + Participation + Collaboration

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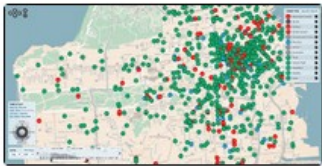
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SAN FRANCISCO INNOVATIONS SHOWCASE


The DataSF App Showcase celebrates the innovators and innovations who are championing the Mayor's vision of a more collaborative and open government. The public can browse examples of new ways in which Bay Area constituents are using City data to improve San Francisco. If you have an application using City data not in our showcase, **we would like to hear from you.**

Crime




Crimespotting – San Francisco Crimespotting is an interactive map of crimes in San Francisco and a tool for understanding crime in cities.

Transportation




Routesy San Francisco – Routesy will help you find your way around the Bay Area's top transit systems — San Francisco Muni and BART — in real time. Simply choose the line you want to ride, and Routesy will show you the closest stop or station, along with real-time prediction data to make sure you make it on time.

Etcetera

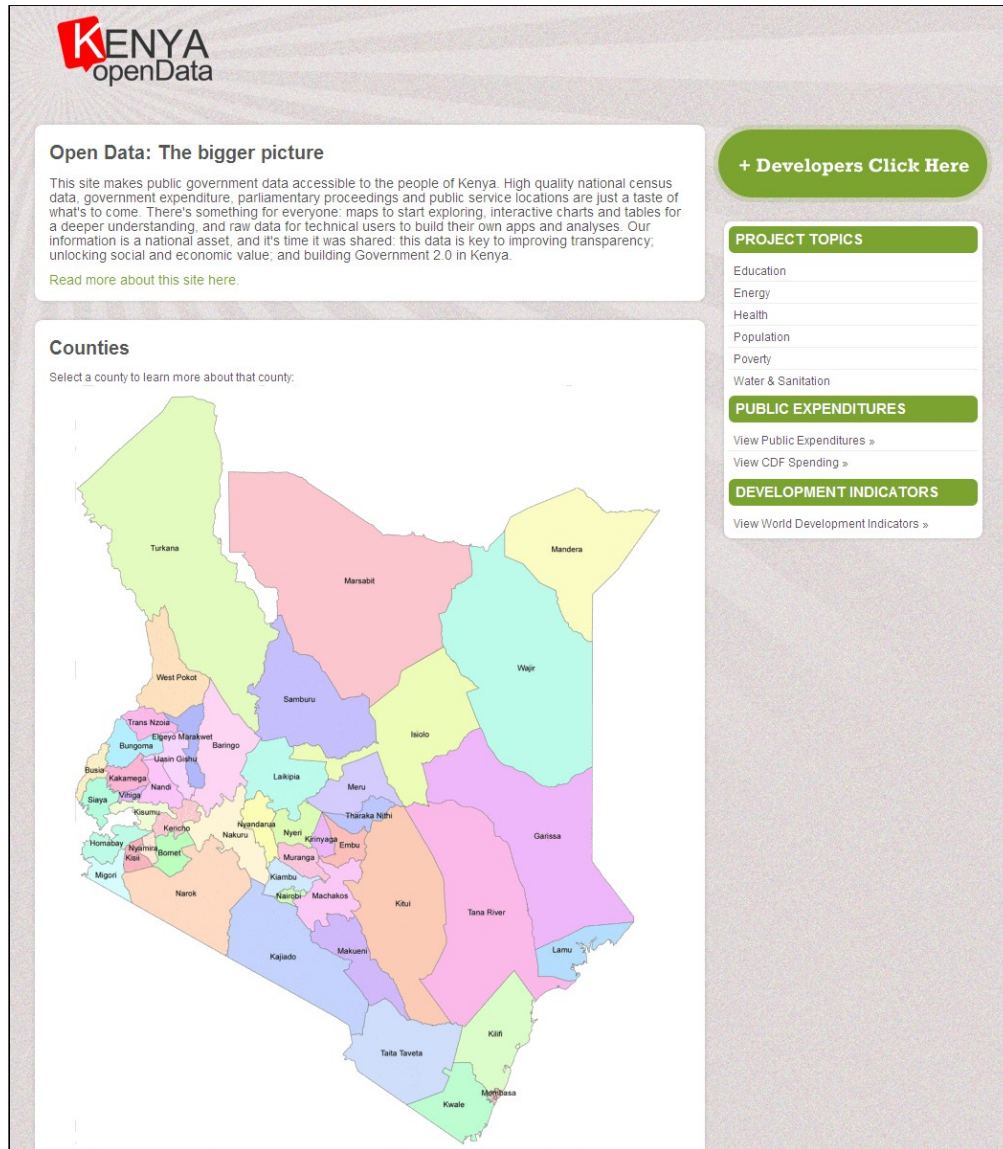


EveryBlock – EveryBlock publishes a news feed for every city block in San Francisco. Enter your street address, neighborhood or ZIP code, and the site shows you recent nearby mainstream/blog news coverage, police calls, building permits, restaurant inspections and much more — updated throughout the day, every day.



CleanScores – CleanScores is bringing you the health inspection scores of restaurants around San Francisco.

Kenya – first in Africa



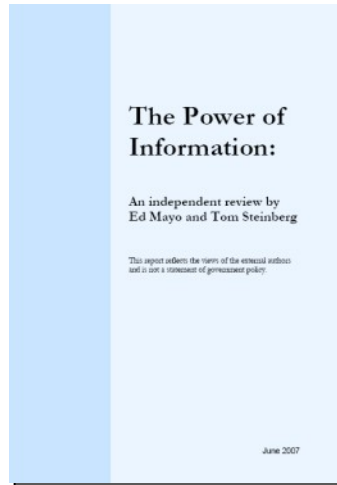
A World of Open Data

Now over 200 governmental Open Data sites



**Why is the UK Government doing
this?**

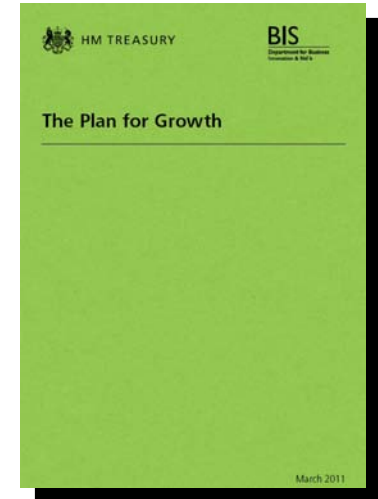
UK Policy Drivers



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New economic and social value

Evidence for EU PSI review

- EU27 direct gains from completely open access to PSI could be ~ €40 Bn
- Aggregate economic impacts could be even larger: ~€140 Bn
- Direct market associated with PSI use less important than spillovers and new uses.
- Future innovations due to easier access add further economic and social benefits
- Costs and revenue foregone? ~ € 1 bn

Source: Graham Vickery, Information Economics at EU Digital Agenda Assembly

Emerging Business Models

Cleansing and organising data

The image shows a website banner for Spikes Cavell. The header includes the company name 'Spikes Cavell' with the tagline 'KNOW, KNOW, KNOW', a search bar, and a 'LOG IN' button. The main headline is 'DELIVER CASH SAVINGS' in large blue letters, followed by 'WITHOUT COMPROMISING FRONT-LINE SERVICES'. A red pushpin is stuck into a background image of a spreadsheet with various numbers. Below the headline, there is a yellow button that says 'A procurement savings blueprint...'. The banner is divided into four dark grey boxes, each with a title and a description:

- Spend & Contract Visibility**
Profile your spend to find savings, identify opportunities to aggregate...
- Transparency**
Improve the accessibility, relevance and value of the spend data...
- Performance**
Evidence your progress, create context through comparison...
- Sustainability**
Measure and manage CO₂ in the supply chain...

At the bottom, there is a dark grey box with the title 'Data Transformation' and the text: 'Our highly experienced team rapidly transform your spend, supplier and contract data into actionable business intelligence regardless of the completeness, accuracy or fitness for purpose of the source.'

Business Intelligence from item-level
purchasing data

Information services to the public

Live train map for the London Underground, by Matthew Somerville

Data collected: Tue, 15 Mar 2011 15:24:03 +0000

Embankment at 15:25		
Westbound - Platform 1		
Wimbledon	Between Temple and Embankment	1 min
Richmond	At Cannon Street Platform 1	6 min
District Line	Left Tower Hill	8 min
Wimbledon	Between Aldgate East and Tower Hill	10 min
Richmond	At Stepney Green Platform 1	19 min

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Data Mining

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Where am I? > Article


Govt open data policy "set to boost UK life sciences growth"

UK NEWS / WORLD NEWS | DECEMBER 01, 2011

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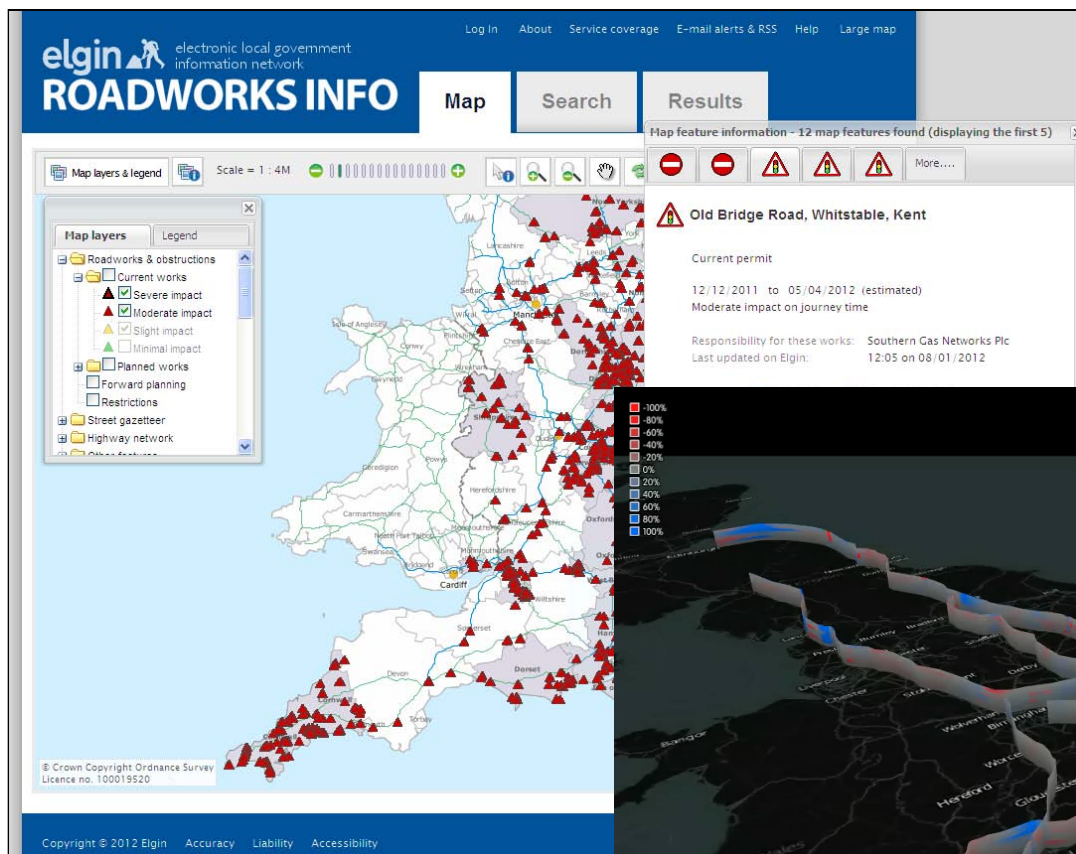
The UK government's Autumn Statement includes "world-leading commitments" to boost growth in the nation's life sciences sector by transforming access to public-sector health and care data.

From next September, services provided by the NHS Information Centre for Health and Social Care will link datasets from primary and secondary care, which will enable professionals in the NHS, pharmaceutical industry, academia and elsewhere to access unprecedented and unequalled levels of information about the journeys of patients through the care system and the outcomes of different treatments, it says.



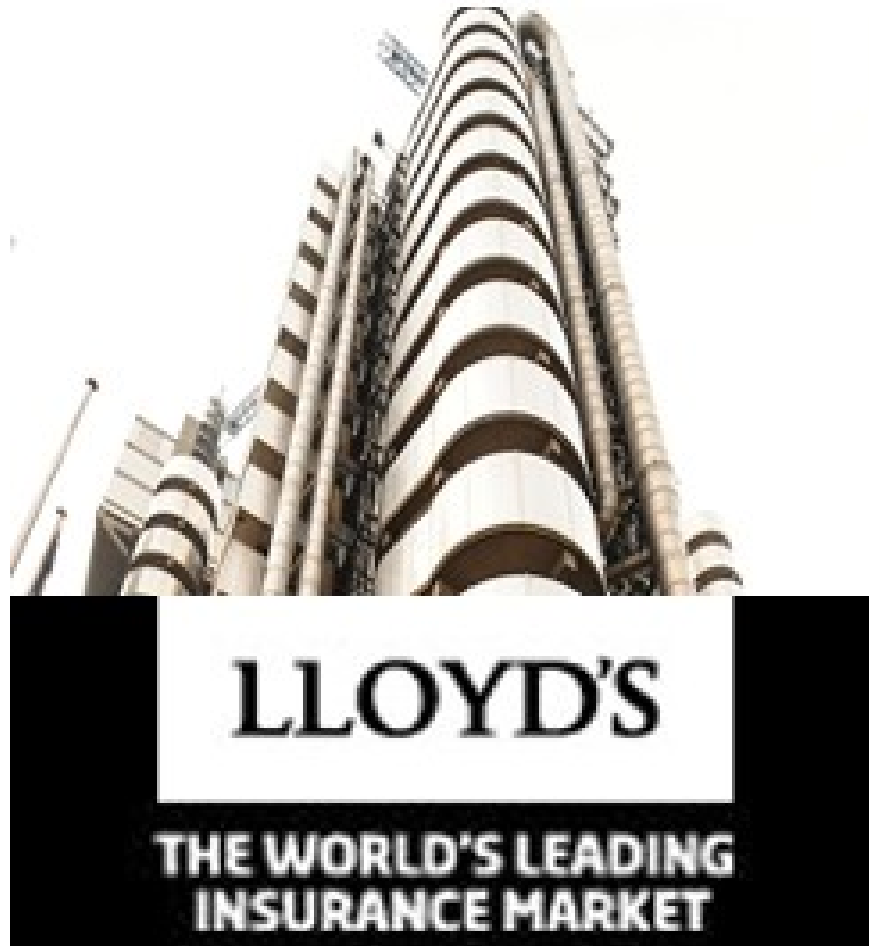
- Prescription data
- Patient outcome data
- Longitudinal health records
- Pupil-level education records

Operational efficiency/optimisation



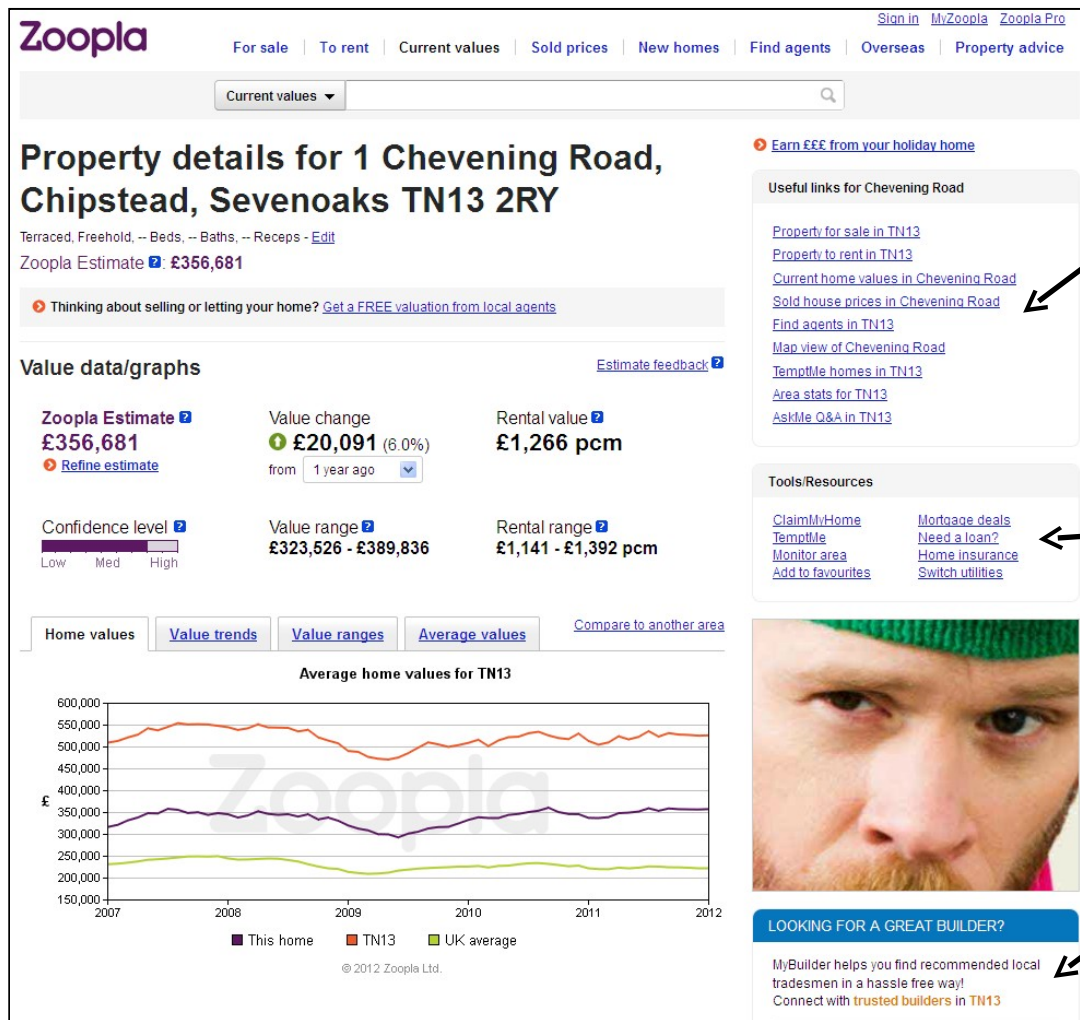
Real time info on road delays and roadworks allows logistics efficiency

Financial Products



- Weather Risk Management (US: \$4bn annual contracts value)
- Flood insurance on detailed topography and river records

Customer attraction and retention



estate
agents/
realtors

Financial
services

builders and
other local
services

Local house prices attract potential customers

Data Broking

The screenshot displays the Windows Azure Marketplace interface. At the top, the header includes the 'Windows Azure Marketplace' logo, navigation links for 'Learn', 'Applications', 'Data', and 'My Account', a 'Support' link, and a 'Sign In' button. A dropdown menu shows the 'Region' set to 'United Kingdom'. A search bar prompts users to 'Search the Marketplace'. The main banner reads 'One-Stop Shop for Premium Data and Applications' with the tagline 'Hundreds of Apps, Thousands of Subscriptions, Trillions of Data Points'. Below this, a central featured tile for 'ComponentArt World Data Dashboards' is highlighted, showing a world map and various data charts. To the left of this tile is a 'SOCIALthuzi' tile for activating social promotions, and to the right is a 'Microsoft Translator' tile. The bottom section is divided into three columns: 'applications' featuring 'Rutero.net' and 'EzUpData', 'data' featuring 'UNdata' (with two entries: 'Gender Info 2007' and 'Millennium Development Goals Database'), and 'announcements' listing recent updates like the 'New Self-Service Publishing Wizard' and 'New Windows Azure Marketplace Data'.

Customer-focused reliable high-volume
serving of data and APIs

More Innovation



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Welcome to the OS OpenSpace API

The OS OpenSpace API is free to access and lets developers create amazing web applications and online projects with Ordnance Survey maps.

But OS OpenSpace API is not just for developers.

Although the API uses JavaScript to make web pages more interactive, anyone can create an application by following our sample code and tutorials.

Get Ordnance Survey maps on your website to enhance the service and customer experience.



Example of OS OpenSpace API displaying Ordnance Survey data

News and information

[Web-Map Builder – the login got lazy](#) NEW

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Social value and cohesion



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No New Enterprise Zone For Stoke-On-Trent & North Staffordshire

Stoke-on-Trent & Staffordshire miss out on Local Enterprise Zone

No New
Staff
Stoke

Children's Scrutiny Chair Slams Council Report And Demands Urgent Meeting

Dave Conway Slams Quality of Report To C&YPS O&S

Senior Council Officers Shun Stoke-On-Trent

Who Would Live in a City Like This? -Not Officers!

Stoke-on-Trent News & Politics From Pits n Pots

We report the latest and breaking political news from Stoke-on-Trent City Council and the political parties in the city.

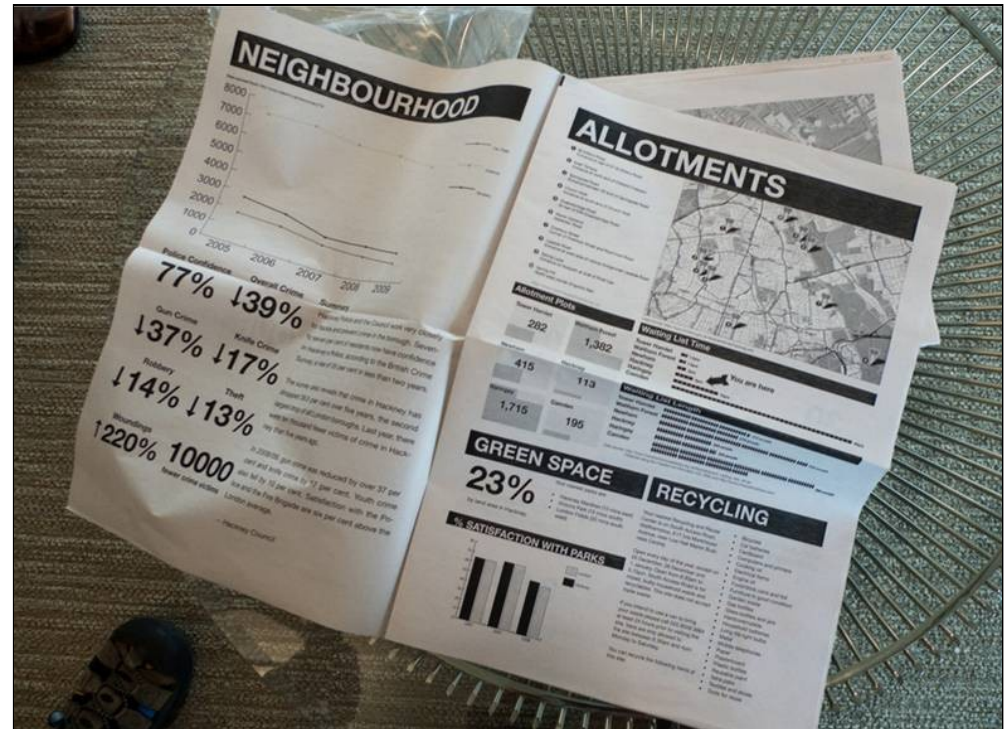
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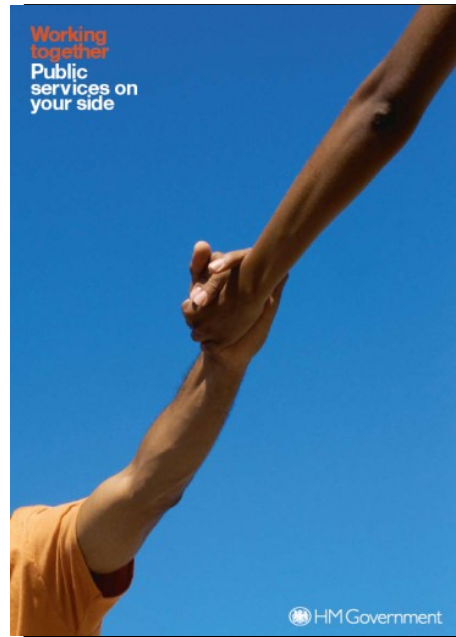
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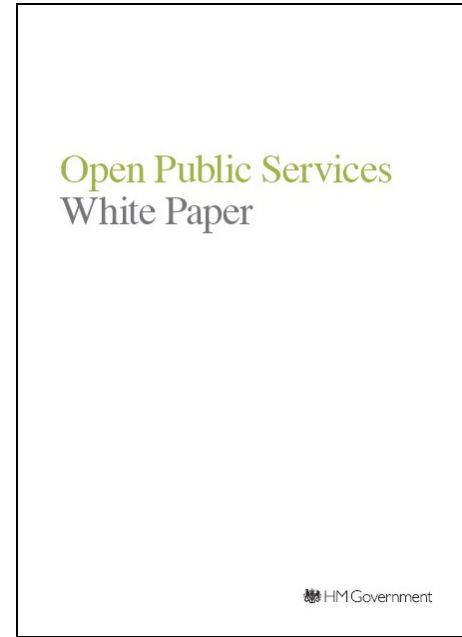
118 people like Pits n Pots.



UK Policy drivers



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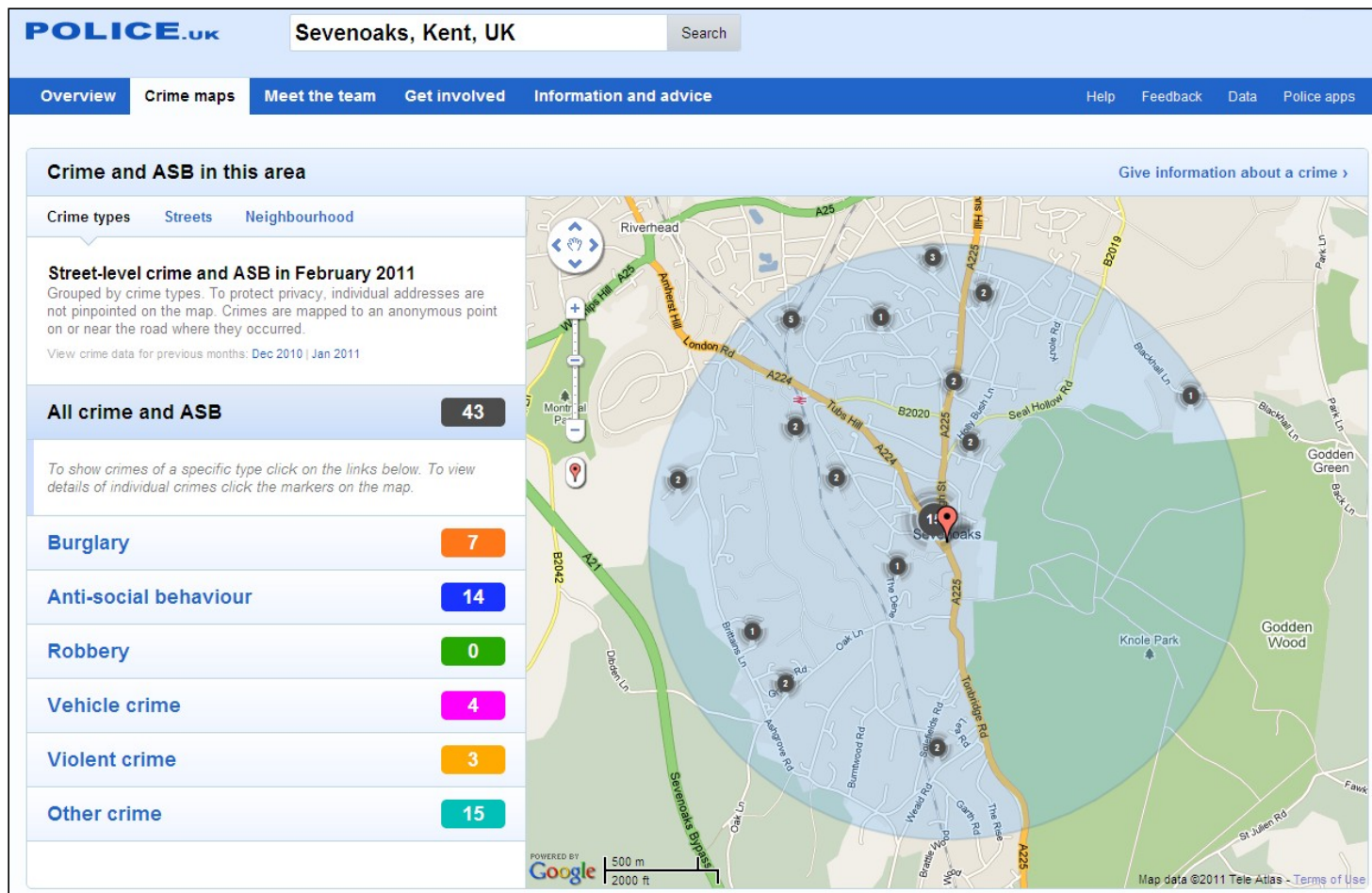


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Improve public services

New economic and social value

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 **choices** Your health, your choices


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Anonymous visited Dentistry and orthodontics services in January 2009


Overall rating
 I would recommend to a friend
The environment where I was treated was...
 clean
The hospital staff worked well together...
 all of the time
I was treated with dignity and respect by the hospital staff...
 all of the time
I was involved with decisions about my care...
 most of the time


What I liked
i enjoyed where the anaesthetist asked me what do i want to dream of while i was sleeping and i said world cup by then i was asleep when i woke up they were very clear what to do and even extended the car parking time for us so we could be explained this
See all comments about this hospital that mention:
[Anaesthetists](#), [Car Park](#)
Added 28 December 10
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Your views are important to us
If you, a family member or friend has recently visited your local hospital, why not share your experiences.
[Rate and comment](#)


Overall rating
38 out of 61  62%
would recommend this hospital to a friend

Average ratings for this hospital

The environment where I was treated was...
 very clean 73 ratings received

The hospital staff worked well together...
 most of the time 72 ratings received

I was treated with dignity and respect by the hospital staff...
 most of the time 73 ratings received

I was involved with decisions about my care...
 most of the time 66 ratings received

See all comments about this hospital that

Improving Public Services

The screenshot shows the Patient Opinion website homepage. The header features the Patient Opinion logo with the tagline 'Every voice matters' and a description: 'An independent site about your experiences of UK health services, **good** or **bad**. We pass your stories to the right people to make a difference.' Navigation links include 'Home', 'Tell your story', and 'About us'. A search bar prompts users to 'Search for a place, service, condition...' with examples like 'Leeds General Infirmary, heart surgery, depression'. A central message states: 'We believe that patients' feedback - **good** or **bad** - is essential to improving UK health services.' It encourages users to 'Tell us what was good and what could be improved, say thanks or call for change - we'll pass your stories to the people in the health services who can make a difference.' A video player shows a man speaking. The 'Featured stories' section highlights a story about being prejudged by ambulance crew, which has received a response from another user. A statistics box titled 'Who's listening to your stories?' shows 34,833 stories told, 1,523 staff listening, and 216 changes led to.

Patient Opinion
Every voice matters

An independent site about your experiences of UK health services, **good** or **bad**.
We pass your stories to the right people to make a difference.

[More about Patient Opinion](#)

[Home](#) [Tell your story](#) [About us](#)

[Search](#) Search for a place, service, condition...
eg Leeds General Infirmary, heart surgery, depression

We believe that patients' feedback - **good** or **bad** - is essential to improving UK health services.

Tell us what was good and what could be improved, say thanks or call for change - we'll pass your stories to the people in the health services who can make a difference.

[Tell your story - Make a difference](#)

Featured stories [View latest stories](#)

"It would seem that being **prejudged** by the ambulance crew led to **hostility** from A+E staff."

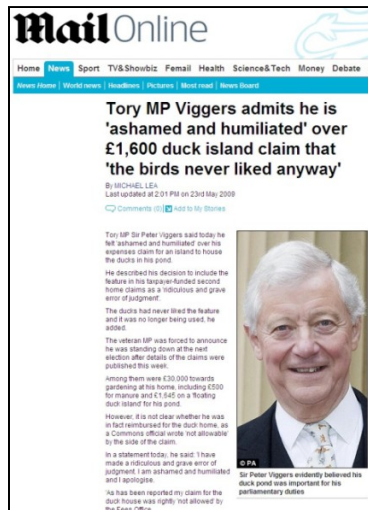
STORY HAS A RESPONSE
experienced by 1 other

Who's listening to your stories?

34,833	stories told
1,523	staff listening
216	stories have led to changes

About: Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh at Little France / Accident & Emergency and Scottish Ambulance Service

UK Policy drivers



Jun 09

May 10

The Coalition: our programme for government

H.M. Government

14. GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

The Government believes that we need to bring open the doors of public life, to make the public, in both government and public bodies, as transparent as possible. This will help to deliver better value for money in public spending and to deliver the best of public service. Having government that is open and transparent is essential to building trust and confidence in government and to ensuring that the public can hold government to account.

- Band 1 of the Senior Civil Service pay scale, and organisations that include all positions in their bodies.
- We will require senior public sector bodies to have their salary signed off by the Treasury.
- We will regulate lobbying through introducing a statutory register of lobbyists and ensuring greater transparency.
- We will also pursue a detailed agreement on limiting donations and reforming party funding in order to remove big money from politics.
- We will strengthen the powers of Select Committees to scrutinise major public appointments.
- We will introduce new protections for whistleblowers in the public sector.
- We will take steps to open up government procurement and reduce costs and we will publish government ICT costs to value.
- We will create a level playing field for open source software and will enable large ICT projects to be split into smaller components.
- We will require full, online disclosure of all central government spending and contracts over £75,000.
- We will create a new 'right to know' so that government-held datasets can be requested and used by the public, and then published on a regular basis.
- We will require all councils to publish meeting minutes and local service and performance data.
- We will require all councils to publish details of spending above £200, and to publish contracts and tender documents in full.
- We will ensure that all data published by public bodies is published in an open and accessible format, so that it can be used easily and with minimal cost by the public.

Transparent & Accountable Government

Improve public services

New economic and social value

Transparent and Accountable Government

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Global backlash after Israeli ship raid leaves 19 dead
BLOODBATH ON THE HIGH SEAS
DRAMATIC REPORTS: PAGES 2 AND 6-9

The penpushers costing taxpayers millions

NAMED: 172 CIVIL SERVANTS PAID MORE THAN PM

OVER 170 civil servants who earn more than the Prime Minister were named yesterday.

In total, they cost taxpayers in excess of £2million a year, according to details released as part of a new transparency drive by the Government.

John Fingleton, the chief executive of the Cabinet Office, was named as one of the most senior civil servants to be named.

David Nicholson, the 2008 Chief Executive, was named on the list with a total salary and benefits worth up to £285,000.

The salary and perks packages were revealed by the Cabinet Office as part of a pledge by the Government to give the public more access to official information.

The names, job title, grade and salary level of all 172 Whitehall officials with salaries of more than £100,000 was released - the first time some of this information has been made public. The details have been made public.

Fergie: I'd been drinking before £500,000 sting
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UK NEWS

CIVIL SERVANTS WASTE PUBLIC MONEY ON MASSAGES

Friday August 13, 2010
By Martyn Brown
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OUTRAGEOUS civil service spending under Labour was laid bare yesterday after new figures revealed public cash was lavished on massages, jazz workshops and even a trip to the seaside.

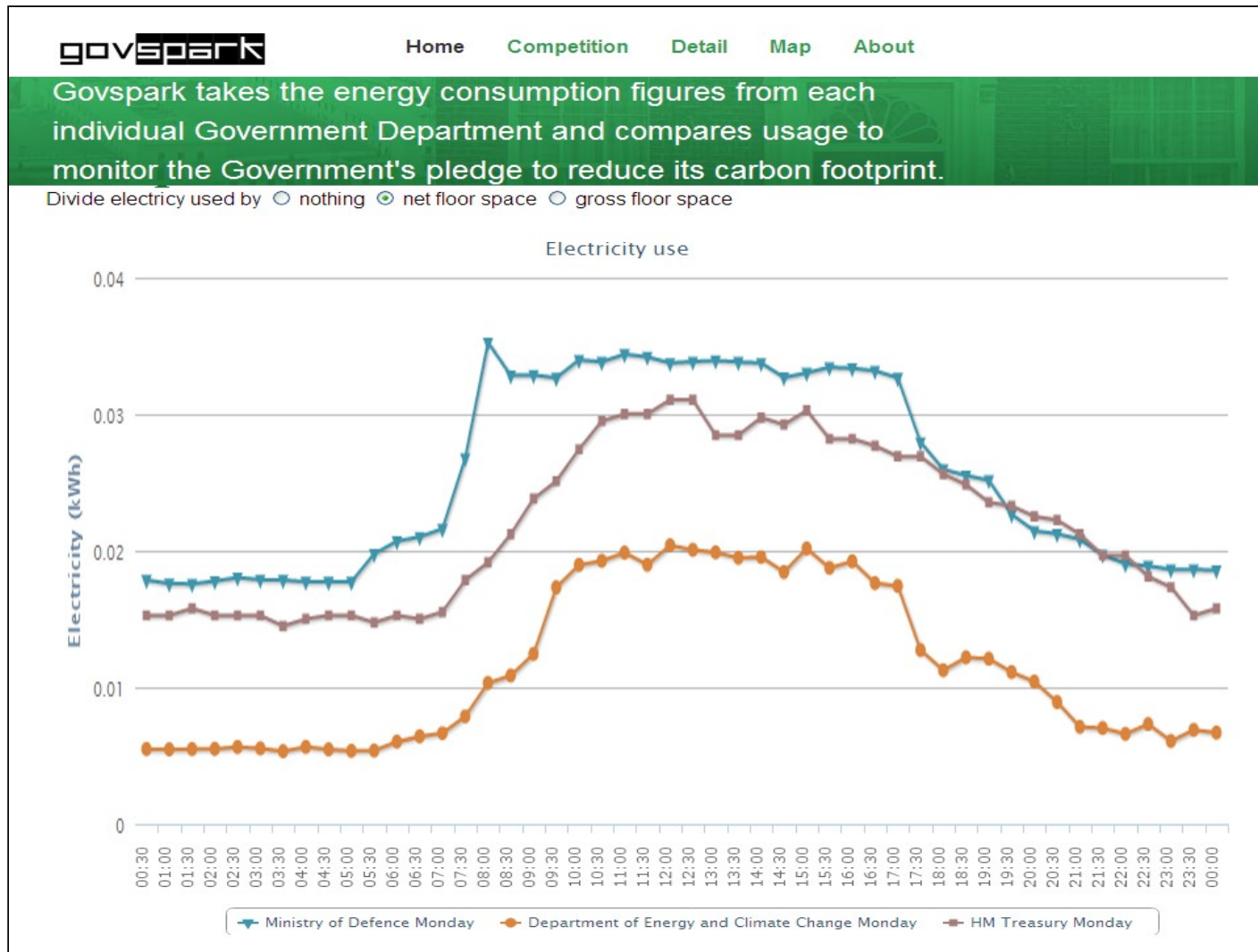


£1,673 was spent on massage

The shocking figures, including almost £20,000 spent at football clubs and racecourses, will dismay hard-pressed taxpayers.

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Authority Type District

County Council Oxfordshire County Council

Address Town Hall, Blue Boar Street, Oxford OX1 4EY

Telephone 01865 249 811

Chief Executive Peter Sloman

Population 153,900 (Source: ONS Crown Copyright)

Police Force Thames Valley Police

Wikipedia Url http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oxford_City_Council



Other info

External links

- WhatDoTheyKnow.com FoI requests [\(RSS feed\)](#)
- Office for National Statistics page [eGovernment Register page](#)
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Statistics

Happiness Survey 2008 [more data»](#)

% who are satisfied with their local area as a place to live **86.5**

Local Government Pension Funds 2006-07 [more data»](#)

Market Value - at end of year £000 **1048951**

Online services

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Current councillors

- Mohammed Niaz Abbasi (Labour)
- Mohammed Altaf-Khan (Liberal Democrat)
- Alan Edmund Armitage (Liberal Democrat)
- Antonia Bance (Labour)
- Laurence Peter Baxter (Labour)
- Elise Benjamin (Green)
- UPDATED** Stephen Thomas Brown (Liberal Democrat)
- Clark L Brundin (Liberal Democrat)
- James Robert Martin Campbell (Liberal Democrat)

Council Committees

Showing only currently active committees. *Include inactive committees*

- Audit and Governance Committee** (next meeting: **NEW** Jan 26 2010, 5.00PM)
- Central South and West Area Committee** (next meeting: **NEW** Jan 12 2010, 5.30PM)
- City Executive Board** (next meeting: Dec 15 2009, 5.00PM)
- Communities & Partnership Scrutiny Committee** (next meeting: Feb 10 2010)

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- Barton And Sandhills
- Blackbird Leys
- Carfax
- Churchill
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- Cowley Marsh
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- Hinksey Park
- Holywell
- Ilmley Fields

The emergence of data journalism

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COINS data release: The 10 things we found out

Last week the government released the massive Coins database.
Find out what we know now

- [Coins explorer](#)

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Coins Data Explorer

This is our first attempt at producing a way to navigate around the 3.2m data items released by the UK government as part of Coins. Scroll down the page to choose which chunk of data you'd like to explore - and let us know what you find.

Find out what the acronyms mean with our [glossary](#).

Send story ideas to coinsdata@guardian.co.uk

Help fill in the joint Guardian and Where Does My Money Go? [google spreadsheet](#)



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Simon Rogers Monday
14 June 2010 09.00 BST
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How data.gov.uk was developed

data.gov.uk organising principles

- Small central team (4 people)
- Short stages, each with clear goals
- Respond quickly to feedback from users
- Draw in resources from Government's experts
- Each dataset always controlled by its owner
- data.gov.uk holds metadata not data!
- It is not an IT project! Keep the IT simple

data.gov.uk: the timeline

computing.co.uk

Sir Tim Berners-Lee to help open up government information

by Tom Young

10 Jun 2009



Sir Tim Berners-Lee, the inventor of the worldwide web, is to help the government publish and catalogue more information online over the next few months.

Prime minister Gordon Brown made the announcement today as part of a package of reforms aimed at improving the transparency of government in response to the expenses scandal.

Berners-Lee will help [government](#) put information online

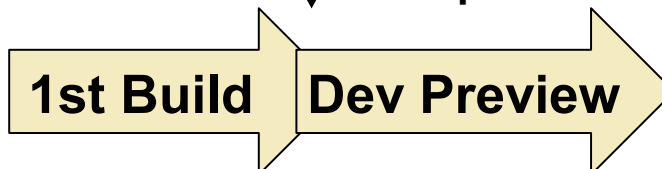
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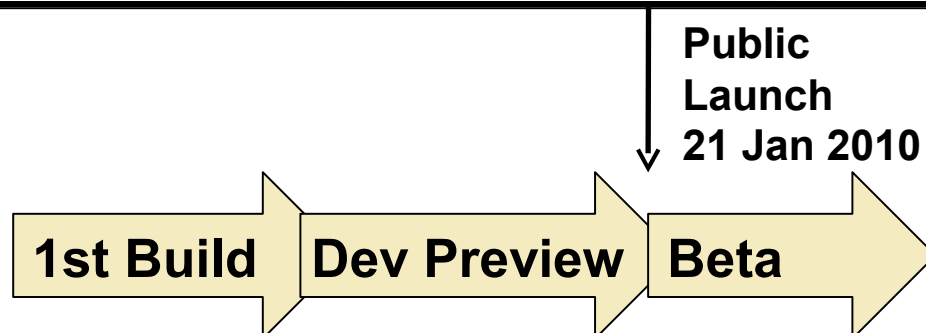
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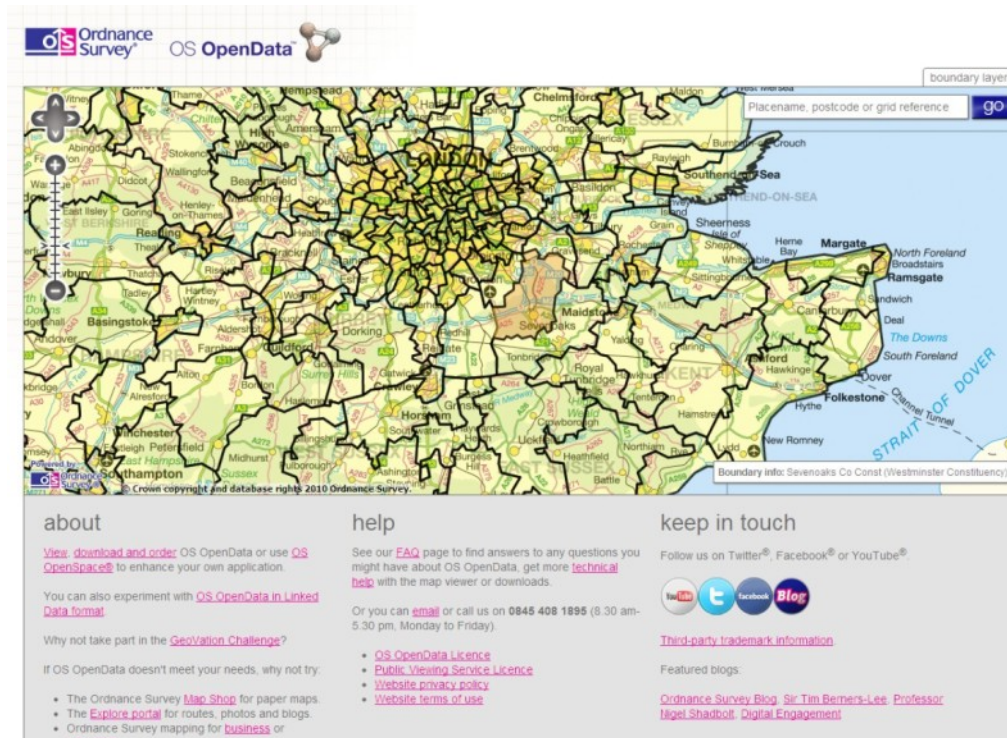
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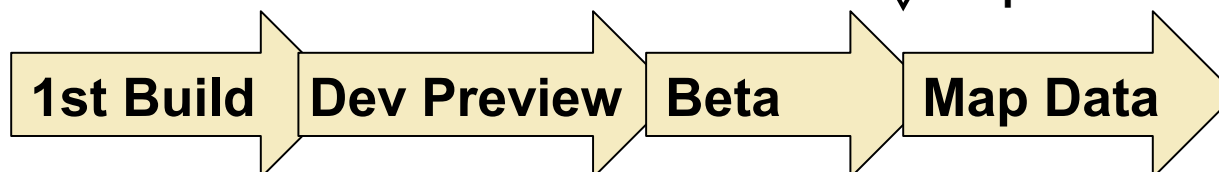
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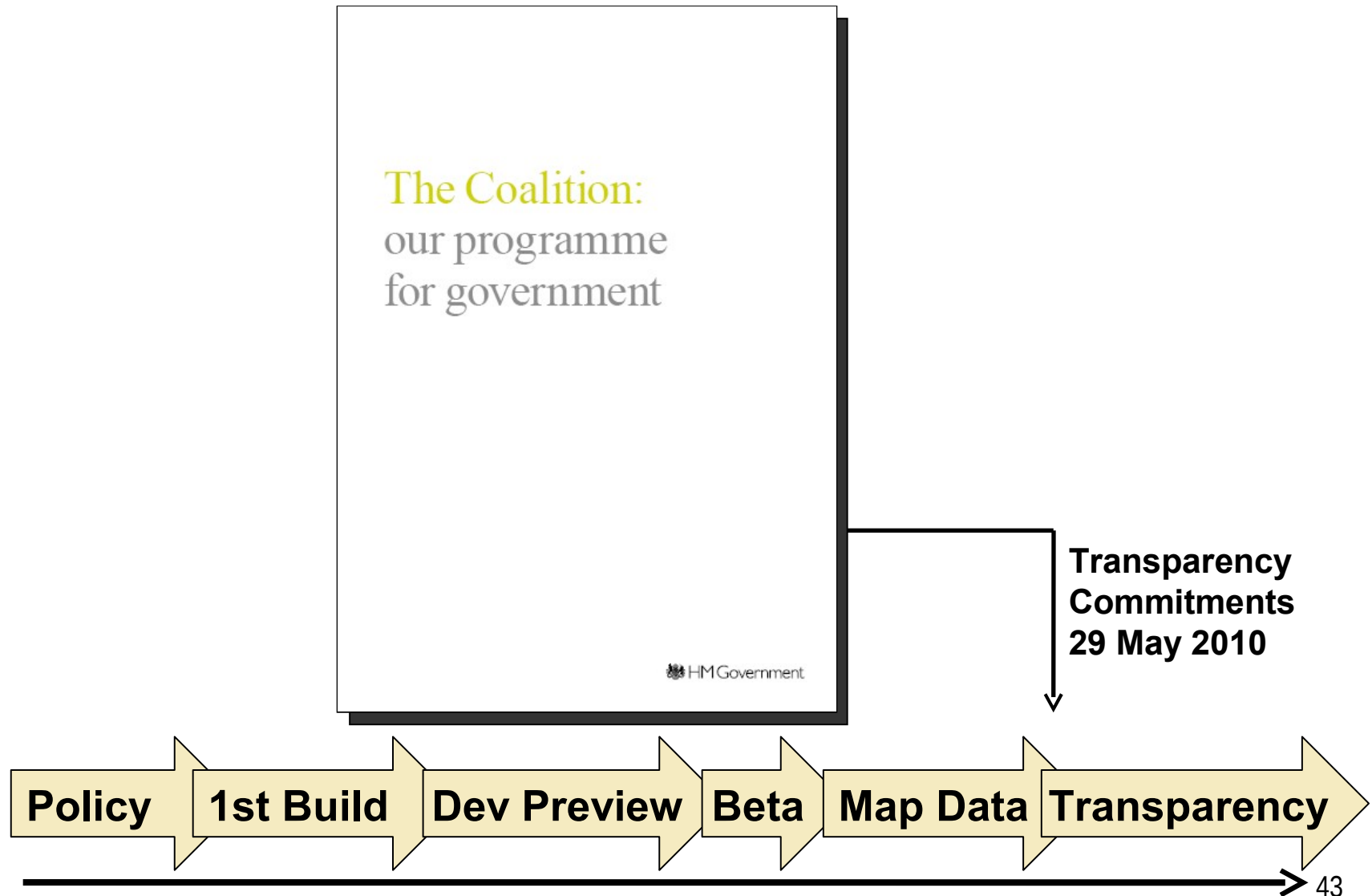
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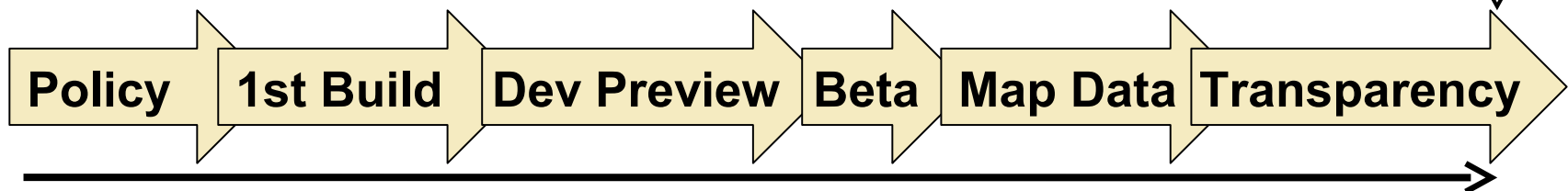
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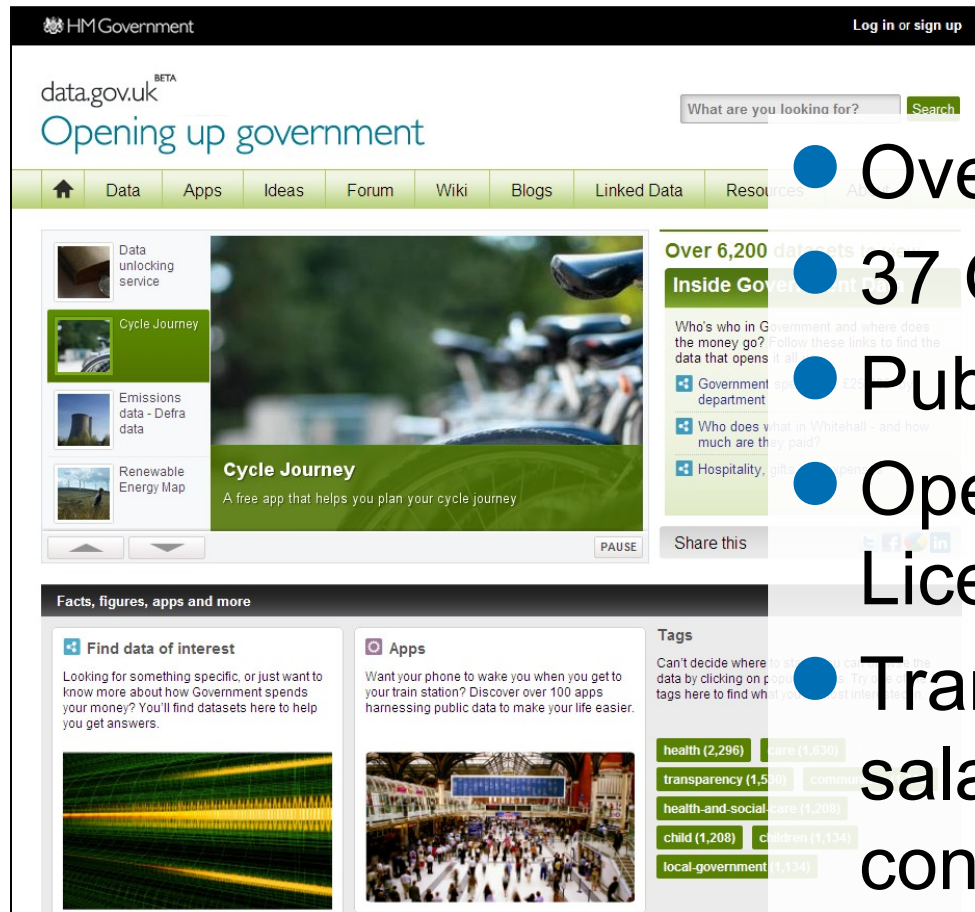
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**Implementation
19 Nov 2010**



The first two years of data.gov.uk



- Over 7500 datasets
- 37 GB of geo data
- Public Data Principles
- Open Government Licence
- Transparency of salaries, spending, contracts and tenders

Lessons learned

Important to have top-level political support

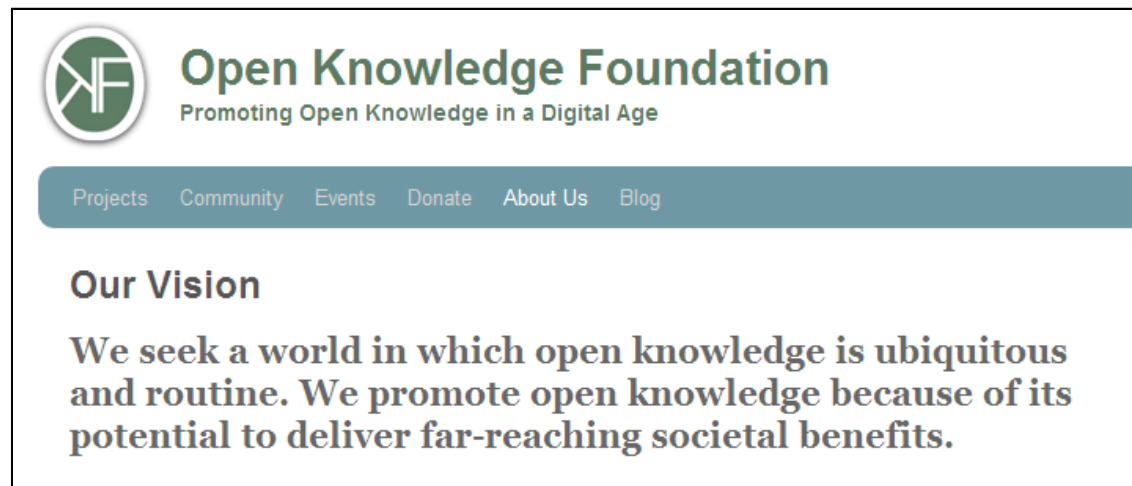
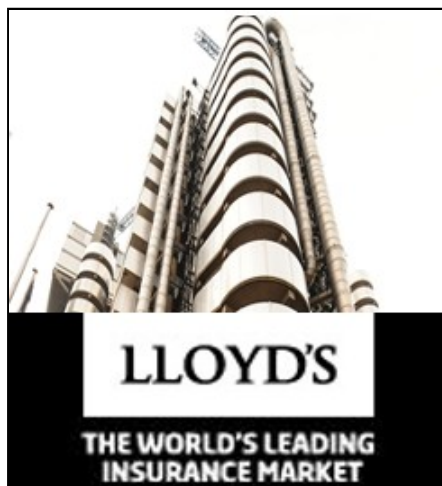


“Greater transparency across Government will enable the public to hold politicians and public bodies to account”



“Public information does not belong to Government, it belongs to the public on whose behalf government is conducted.”

Important to have strong “demand-side”



Also important to have passionate team!



Refine policy principles based on experience



<http://data.gov.uk/blog/new-public-sector-transparency-board-and-public-data-transparency-principles>

Clear, common, licensing approach



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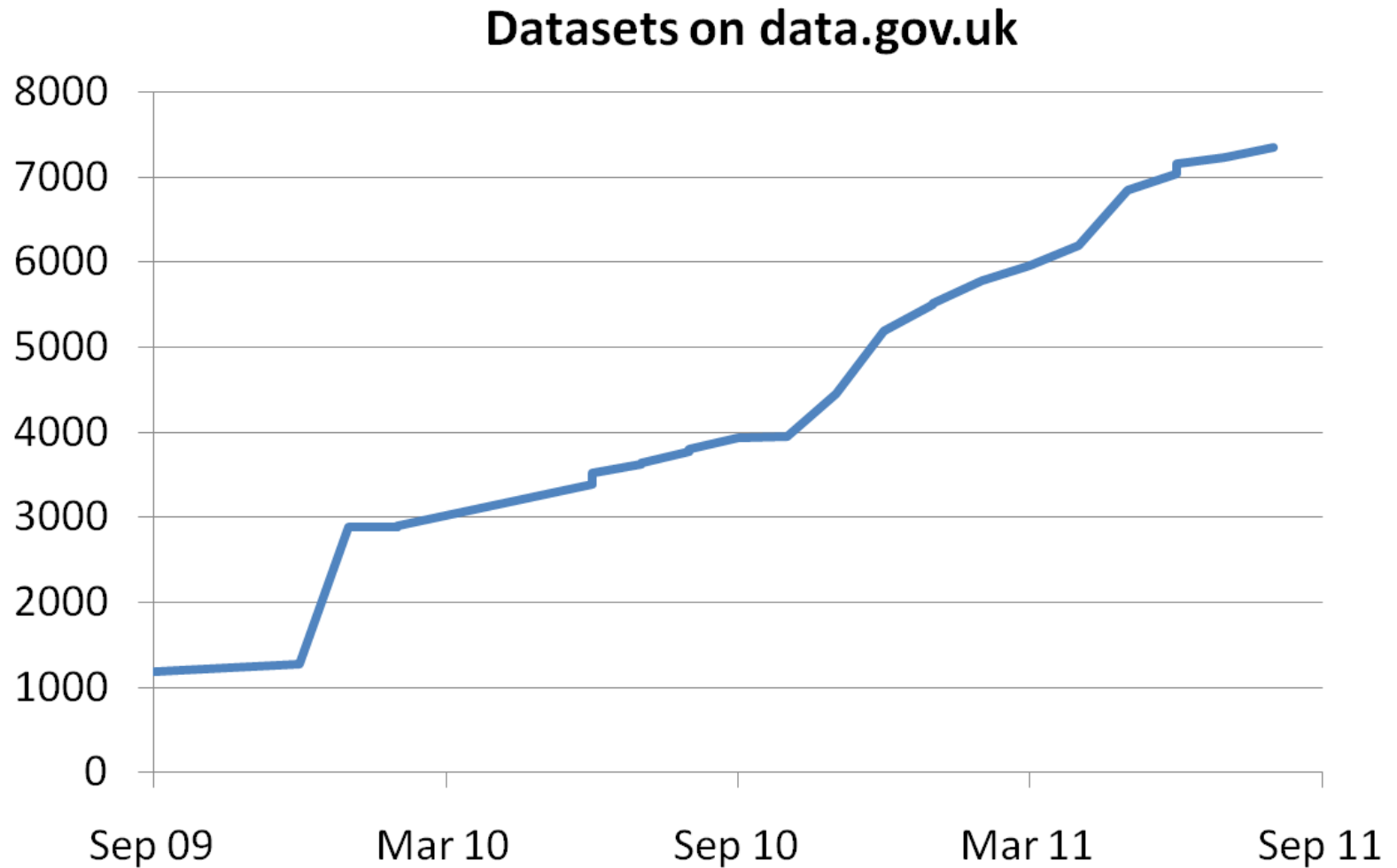
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Incremental delivery



It's not just about new data

Scope for “Open Data” also includes data previously “published” but ...

- in non-reusable format
- with restricted licence
- only aimed at specialist groups
- only for payment
- only in response to requests
- difficult to find

data.gov.uk contains a lot of data which nobody knew was already published

Handling the concerns of data owners



“People hug their database, they don't want to let it go. You have no idea the number of excuses people come up with to hang onto their data and not give it to you, even though you've paid for it as a taxpayer.”

– *Tim Berners-Lee*

http://www.ted.com/talks/tim_berniers_lee_on_the_next_web.html

A sample of “data hugging” excuses

- It's held separately by n different organisations, and we can't join it up
- It will make people angry and scared without helping them
- It is technically impossible
- We do not own the data
- The data is just too large to be published and used
- Our website cannot hold files this large
- We know the data is wrong
- We know the data is wrong, and people will tell us where it is wrong
- We know the data is wrong, and we will waste valuable resources inputting the corrections people send us
- People will draw superficial conclusions from the data without understanding the wider picture
- People will construct league tables from it
- It will generate more Freedom of Information requests
- It will cost too much to put it into a standard format
- Our IT suppliers will charge us a fortune to do an ad hoc extract

Dealing with “data hugging”

- It's held separately by n different organisations, and we can't join it up
- It will make people angry and scared without helping them
- **Data owners need to be helped through**
- We do not own the data
- **Releasing data is a new idea**
- The data is just too large to be published and used
- **Look for ways to manage perceived risks**
- We know the data is wrong
- **Look for examples and precedents**
- We know the data is wrong, and people will tell us where it is wrong
- **For first phase, be prepared to compromise on data content – but not on licence terms**
- We know the data is wrong, and we will waste valuable resources inputting the corrections people send us
- **“Hackdays” can show potential benefits**
- People will draw superficial conclusions from the data without understanding the overall picture
- **Ensure data owners get credit for what they do release**
- People will construct league tables from it
- It will generate more Freedom of Information requests
- It might be combined with other data to identify individuals/sensitive information
- It will cost too much to put it into a standard format
- Our IT suppliers will charge us a fortune to do an ad hoc extract

Manage expectations, prepare for mistakes



“We’re making a small start next week. But eventually, it’s going to make a big difference.”

“The information we’re publishing next week won’t be perfect, it won’t always be in the most convenient format, and I’m sure there’ll be some mistakes. But I want to get on with it.”.

UK Prime Minister 29 May 2010

Don't be afraid of mistakes - learn from them

HM Government

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National Rail Travel Survey

Report on a survey of passenger trips on the national rail system in Great Britain on weekdays, outside school holidays.

Source agency: Transport

Designation: National Statistics

Language: English

Alternative title: National Rail Travel Survey

Overview

Released	2008-05-29
Last updated	-
Update frequency	-
Tags	other-modes-of-transport transport-and-infrastructure rail passenger public-transport travel-and-transport
Department	Department for Transport
Wiki	National Rail Travel Survey

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Announcement of the Agricultural Products of the United Kingdom

GB PRODUCTION OF BACON AND HAM

Statistics produced by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on GB production of bacon and ham from January 2010 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority from October to December 2009.

From this release are:

Statistics on production of bacon and ham in Great Britain to the fourth quarter of 2009 (Q4) and statistics on production of bacon and ham in Great Britain to 2009.

Latest Release

Additional Tables

[Bacon and Ham production datasets](#)

[UK meat production and supplies](#)

Coverage: GB

Geographic Breakdown: n/a

Continuously engage with developers



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.. and highlight applications, not data

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Police apps


We've made the crime data on this website available in an open and standard web-based applications (apps).



Crime Finder
Imagine if you could see reported crimes that have happened in your area. Reality to give you a visual sense of crime all around you.
Using the GPS, camera and compass on your phone, you can see a colourful key of icons.
Available for: iPhone, iPod, iPad.
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Crime Map UK
A free iPhone and iPad app showing where crimes have happened in your area. See how your area compares to others.
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A free Android application showing crime information in your area.
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See UK
SeeUK provides visualisations on data from data.gov.uk

PAUSE

It's not (just) an IT project!

CIOs can give leadership, but

- CIOs/IT Directors often do not “own” the data
- Key issues are business, policy and politics: don't let policy makers brand it as “just IT”
- Keep the IT simple
 - use Open Source (CKAN, Drupal, etc)
 - use existing contracts/infrastructure with niche firms
 - host data on existing websites or on public Cloud
- Use revealed legacy data quality issues as spur for improvement
 - not as an excuse for doing nothing

... and the biggest lesson of all

**Overcome obstacles
practically
by doing,
not debating**

Wider Implications

Next steps for UK

Policy/organisation

- Right to Data - “FOI 2.0”?
- Codify policy – Open Data White Paper
- Public Data Group for paid-for data

Delivery

- Improve data quality
- Industrialise release processes
- Data standards and support (“linked data”)

Government is a data user too

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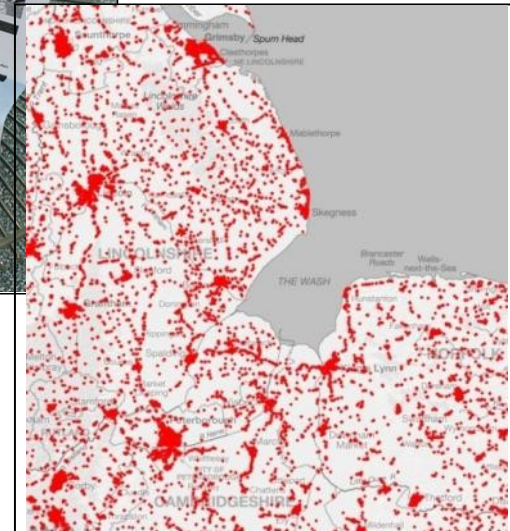
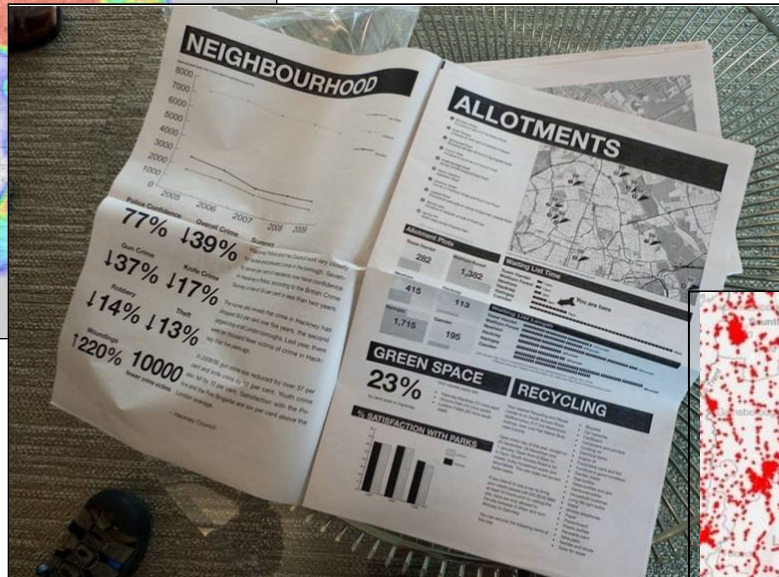
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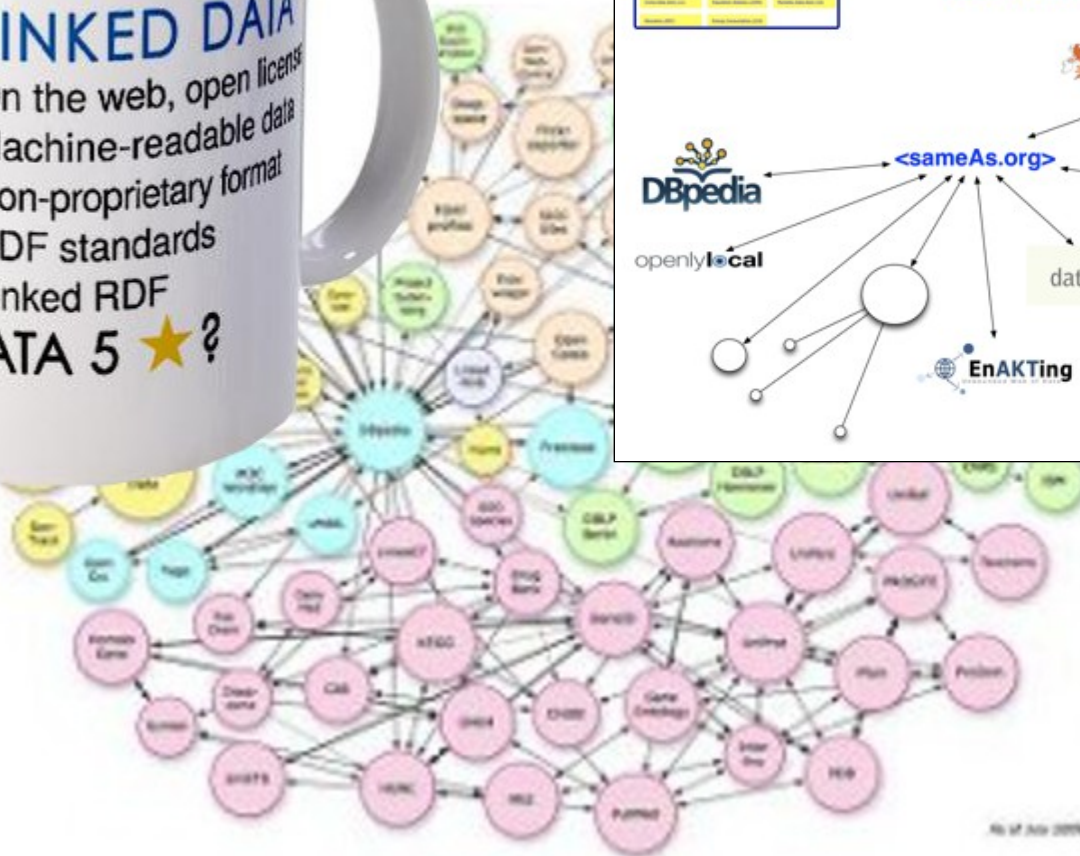
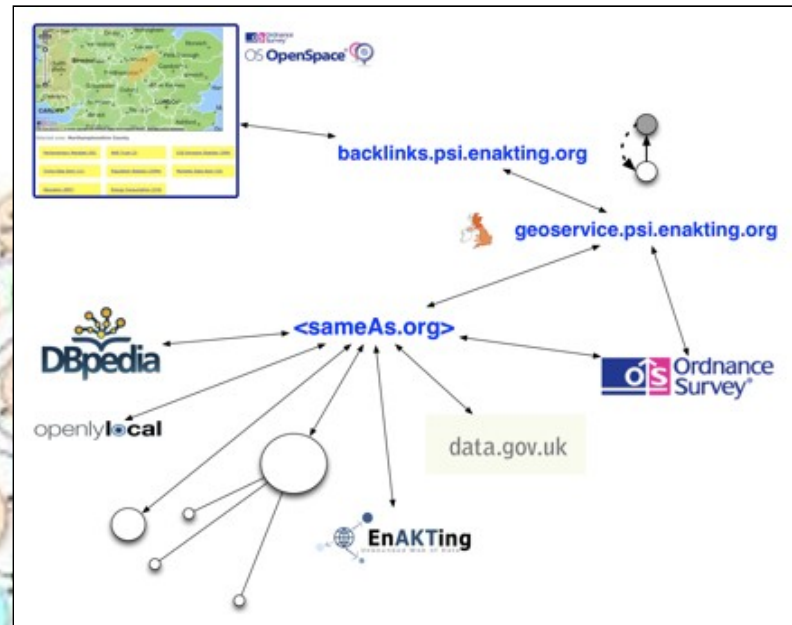
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The importance of location

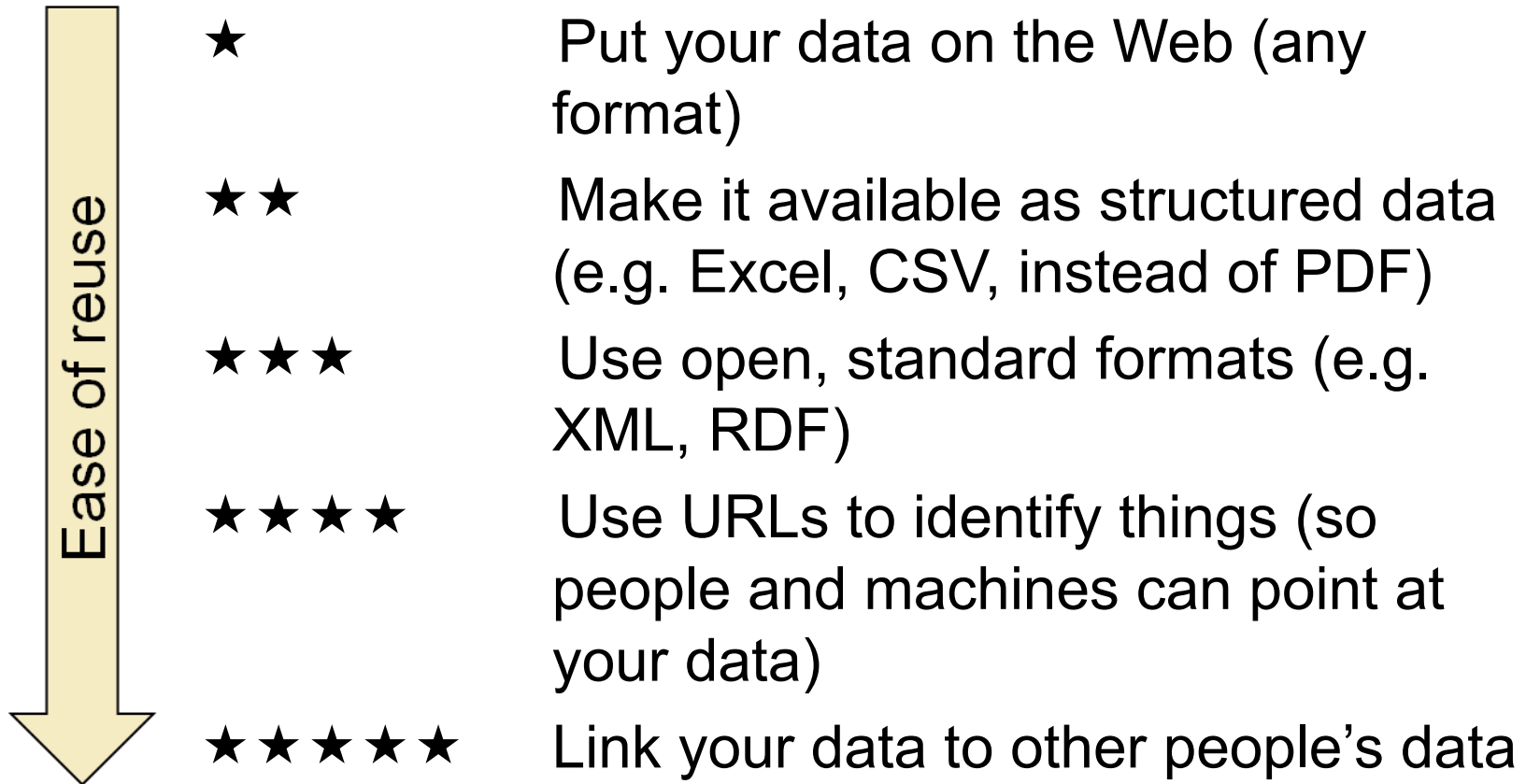


Government: key provider of reference data



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Data Publishing – Star Quality



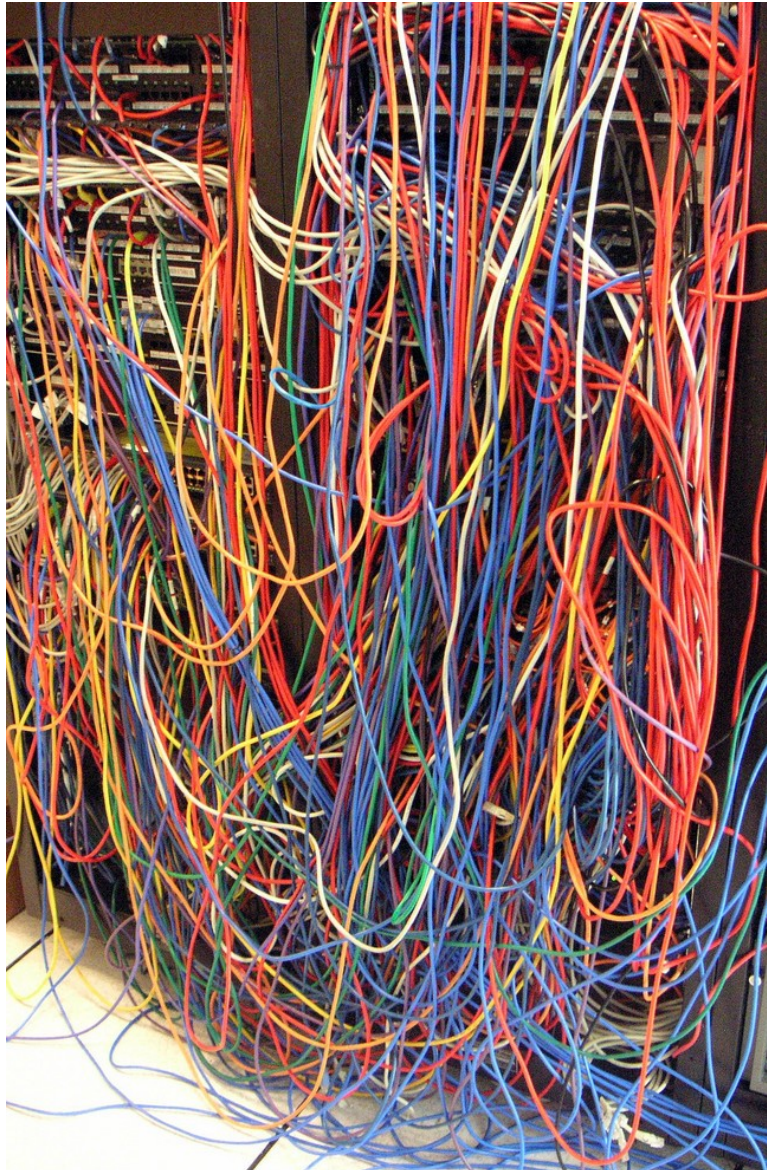
Benefits of linked data within Government also

Open Data Institute: its mission

- Develop capability of UK businesses to exploit value of Open Data
- Engage developers/small businesses to build Open Data supply chains and commercial outlets
- Help public sector use its own data more effectively
- Ensure academic research in Open Data technologies



Data Quality



- Release of data will reveal issues of data quality
- Celebrate greater checking of data!
- Remind business of Garbage In, Garbage Out
- Ensure legal waiver
- Use as stimulus to
 - Measure
 - Prioritise
 - Improve

Using crowd-sourcing to improve data

Help (OSM-Wiki)

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highway	bus_stop
name	Mount Pleasant Police Station
n:AtcoCode	2290YHA00806
n:Bearing	NW
n:CommonName	Mount Pleasant Police Station
n:Crossing	Dansom Lane
n:Landmark	Police Station
n:PlusbusZoneRef	HULL
n:ShortCommonName	Mount Pleasant
n:Street	Mount Pleasant
note	no code on sign; moved S; bearing should be SE This note needs to be removed to complete the stop
shelter	no
source	naptan + survey

Map Key

- Surveied stop which has no NaPTAN tags
- NaPTAN Stop that has not been checked yet
- Stop with problems described in the note tag
- Stop has been checked and is okay
- Stop from NaPTAN which is not on the ground
- All other stops
- Arrows indicate the value of naptan:Bearing

Bus stops last updated: null

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Hull (Chris Hill)

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Citizen sourced data



**“#uksnow
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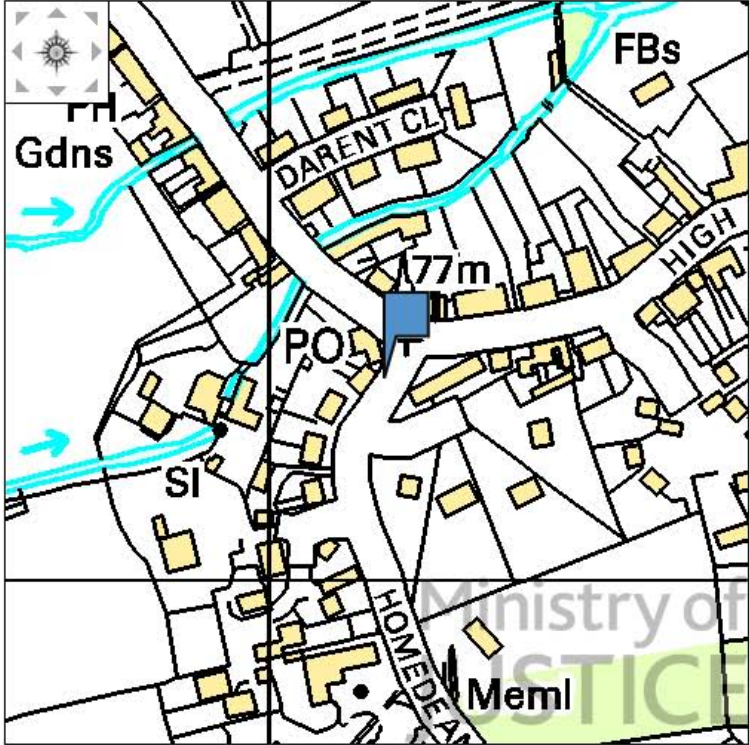
Pothole reappearing in High Street

Reported in the Potholes category by Andrew Stott at 15:19, Saturday 15 January 2011
Sent to Kent County Council 1 minute later

A pothole has reappeared in the High Street, in a section of road used by traffic in both directions (due to parked cars on the other carriageway). A pothole in this location was reported and fixed last spring; the repair does not seem to have been effective. The pothole is adjacent to a utility access cover.



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“Open” approach to personal data?

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Could mydata be the answer to personal information problems?

21 April 2011 | By [Ruth Mortimer](#)



A government initiative to make available to the public all the customer data held by companies sounds good in theory.

This week, the NHS contacted me by email to offer me help quitting smoking, even though I've never started. And not so long ago, a clothing catalogue dropped through my door offering me more great skirts for my wardrobe, although I have never bought anything from that particular yummy-mummy clothing brand.

So who is the linen-wearing, smoking consumer being targeted by these companies? It certainly isn't me. While both companies claim to hold data on my behaviour, they don't know the right things. And neither marketing communication benefited me, nor them, in any way.

Discussion

End