An NZ Shared Data Unit

Introduction and next steps



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Setting up the UK SDU

Local News Partnerships began in 2017

Designed to correct deficit in local government reporting

\$14m a year , run by BBC

The Shared Data Unit was set up first



SDU overview

\$2m per year to run

3 x 12-week courses per year

4 students in each course intake

4 full -timer trainers + visiting experts

All data output shared with news partners





Matthew Barraclough



Pete Sherlock



Curriculum

Data journalism introduction

Building induction

Excel basics

What makes good data journalism?

Data Journalism foundation - day one

Introduction to Data Journalism - day two

BBC online modules

The investigative method

Pluralsight: Excel 2010 Getting started

Pivot tables

Pluralsight: Functions, Formulas and Filters

Introduction to HTML

Story mentoring

Freedom of Information masterclass

CPS course
Data cleaning

Using R in data journalism Shifting from Excel to R

Open Refine EU hackday Using APIs

Analysing football finances/company accounts

Social media

Data Journalism at The Times

Round up of tools

Turning round a data story on the day

Train the Trainer day 1 Train the Trainer day 2

Scraping with Google Sheets



Results



LOCAL NEWS PARTNERSHIPS





Benefit deaths

Strictly embargoed - Monday 10 May

BBC Shared Data Unit, BBC Local News partnerships

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The Drum **Online Media Awards** Winner 2020

Fifteen people who died following interaction with the benefit system







Stephanie Bottrill, 53

Cecilia Burns, 51









Roy Curtis, 27

Kevin Dooley, 48

Glenn Harris, 55





Stephen Hill, 53

Julia Kelly, 39

Gordon Lang, 62







Helen Mullins, 59







Tim Salter, 53

Mark Wood, 44

Linda Wootton, 49

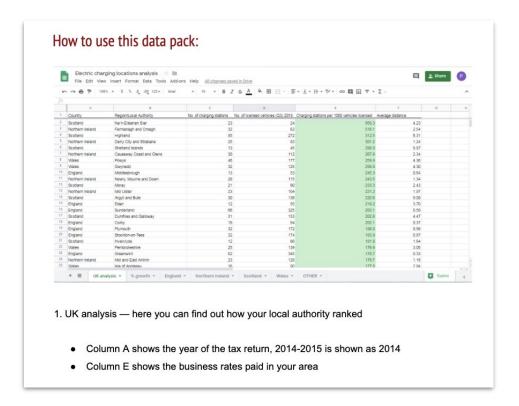
BBC



Lack of electric car charging points 'putting off drivers'

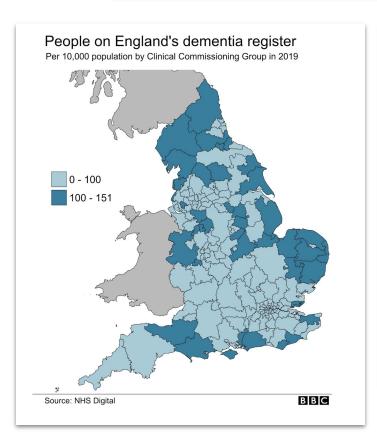


Region/Local Authority	No. of charging locations	No. of licensed fully electric or plug in hybrid cars, LGVs and quadricycles	Rate of charging locations per 1,000 vehicles licensed
Caerphilly	1	104	9.6
Waverley	5	571	8.8
Portsmouth	13	1561	8.3
North Dorset	1	152	6.6
Slough	35	6009	5.8
Hinckley and Bosworth	1	183	5.5
Gloucester	13	2916	4.5
Birmingham	61	15115	4.0





UK dementia diagnoses rise 40% in five years



What the experts say:



Dr. Karen Harrison-Dening, head of research and publications at Dementia UK said: "Care at the moment is very hit or miss. There are no standardised services across the country so it is still very much a postcode lottery as to what care and support you might receive.

"We rely heavily on families to care for their loved ones themselves. They bear the brunt of the care and they bear the brunt of the financial burden. It has been likened to an extra financial tax for people with dementia.

(Full interview at end of pack)



Creating an NZ SDU



Some questions

- Based where?
- What balance of physical and remote learning?
- Who are the best data journalists in NZ?
- How do we get these people to teach at the NZ SDU?
- Who is eligible to take the course?
- How long should the course be?



End

