

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Understanding Poverty and Attainment Across the
Northern Alliance Region of Scotland.

OBJECTIVE

The aim of this project is to determine what data sources and techniques best reflect the challenges of child poverty, and subsequently provide a means to assess the poverty related attainment gap as a result – which will further allow individual school settings, local authorities and other bodies to plan targeted interventions to reduce it.

This project has brought together academic expertise from the Fraser of Allander Institute at the [University of Strathclyde](#) and [Glasgow Caledonian University](#), and data science expertise at [CivicDataLab](#) and [East Neuk Analytics](#). During this initial phase, the team will work in partnership with [Northern Alliance](#) and the Local Authorities they represent.

The objective within this initial phase is to work with stakeholders to identify the shared knowledge gap across local authorities, identify the most appropriate indicators and map the suitable data sources that can be used at the school catchment aggregation. You can follow our progress [here](#).

PARTICIPANT INVOLVEMENT

You will be asked to take part in a 60-90 minute virtual or phone interview through Zoom, Google Meet or Microsoft Teams about your experience of working with pupil information in your local context. The interview will consist of several questions that address challenges of child poverty, attainment rate, your role in the system and the data / tools used by you to address these

challenges. You may decline to be audio/video-recorded and continue to participate.

If you decide to take part, you will be asked to:

- Review this information sheet provided as a part of the research.
- Review and submit a response to the consent form provided.
- Ask any questions you may have about the project, information sheet, or consent form.
- Be available for a 60-90 minute online interview.
- Answer several questions around the project objective stated above.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The members of the research team at CivicDataLab Pvt. Ltd. may access this data. When the results of the research are published or discussed in the public domain, no personally identifiable information will be used.

The records from this study will be kept confidential, only the core team working on the project in partnership with Data For Children Collaborative, will have access to any digital files and audio recordings. All digital files, transcripts, and summaries will be stored separately without any names or other direct identification of participants.

Any information quoted in research outputs will be anonymized. The information you provide will be maintained for at least three years from the date of submission.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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