

# Practice Improvement Snapshot

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The aim of the Snapshot is to provide a monthly Practice Improvement (PI) update to DsPH and their public health teams. The Snapshot is produced and managed by Jodie Demmery (SW PI co-ordinator) and Kate Blackburn (SW PI lead). If you have something that you would like included for the next issue, or any questions on what is featured in this issue, please get in touch (Jodie.Demmery@southglos.gov.uk).

## Good Food Local Self-Assessment – South West Update

We're delighted to share that the South West region has achieved a 100% completion rate for the *Sustain Good Food Local Self-Assessment*. A huge thank-you to all Local Authorities for your time, commitment, and timely submissions. This is a significant achievement that reflects the region's shared ambition to strengthen local food systems.

The Good Food Local Benchmarking Tool, developed by [Sustain](#), supports Local Authorities to prioritise good food and coordinate action across a broad range of food-related issues. It forms part of Sustain's wider *Good Food Local* initiative, which recognises the vital role councils play in shaping healthier, fairer, and more sustainable food environments.

The tool assesses progress across five thematic areas:

- Food Poverty, Diet-Related Ill Health, and Access to Affordable Healthy Food
- Sustainability and Local Food Production
- Local Food Economy and Procurement
- Raising Public Awareness and Supporting Community Action
- Partnership, Strategy and Governance



Each section explores the maturity and reach of local activity, helping to identify strengths and opportunities for further development.

Sustain is currently reviewing the South West results and has already highlighted strong examples of practice across all themes. Initial trends have been shared with DsPH, and several case studies of excellence have been proposed for wider learning. A full analysis and regional report is in draft and will offer deeper insights into each theme, including opportunities for Local Authorities to focus their efforts and accelerate progress.

We look forward to sharing more as this work develops and to continuing our collective momentum across the region.

## South West Colleagues Showcase Regional Leadership at the LGA/ADPH Annual Public Health Conference 2026

A huge congratulations to our South West colleagues — Simon Chant (CPH, Devon County Council), Simon Packer (PH Specialty Registrar, South Gloucestershire Council), and Sam Coleborn (Specialist Public Health Manager, South Gloucestershire Council), led by Siobhan Farmer (DPH, Gloucestershire County Council) & Sarah Weld, (DPH, South Gloucestershire Council) — for their excellent presentation at the LGA/ADPH Annual Public Health Conference 2026: *Better Health for All – Local Leadership in Action*.

Their session, “**Influencing with Intelligence: Strengthening the Role of Public Health Intelligence Through Practice Improvement**,” showcased the South West's commitment to using high-quality intelligence to drive better outcomes, improve local decision-making, and build system-wide capability through structured practice improvement.

The presentation was extremely well-received and highlighted the region's collaborative strengths, innovation, and leadership in embedding intelligence-led approaches across public health practice.

You can view their presentation slides on the LGA website [here](#).

A big well done to the team for representing the South West so impressively on a national stage.