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Evidence of Need

One of the key ways of providing evidence of need of your project within a funding application, is to include externally verifiable quotes or statistics. In the table below you will find some common sources of this type of data:

Source	Type	Description
Indices of Deprivation – Main Website	National – England	Index of Multiple Deprivation ranks smalls areas of England from most to least deprived. The ranking is made through data on employment, access to education, access to nature, health, crime etc.
Open Data Communities	National – England	This interactive map displays data from the Index of Multiple deprivation. It can be used to compare the deprivation in neighbouring local areas. You can filter the data by income deprivation, health deprivation, employment deprivation etc.
2011 Census	National – England & Wales	The Census for England & Wales is carried out every 10 years and provides a detailed snapshot of the population and its characteristics.
UK Local Area Website	National - UK	This website draws on the Index of Multiple Deprivation, latest census, school league tables and house prices to give a snapshot of any local area in the UK.
Arts Council England – Equality & Diversity Data	National – England	Research by Arts Council England provides information about equality and diversity in the arts sector in England.
Arts Council England – Taking Part Survey	National - England	Taking Part is a major survey of cultural and sport participation in England. It is the recognised official statistic on arts and cultural engagement among adults and children in England.
UK Crime Stats	National – UK	This website compiles crime statistic data from across the UK. There is a subscription to pay if you want to filter or search the data.
Office for National Statistics – Crime & Justice Data	National – England & Wales	Figures on crime levels and trends based on two sets of statistics: the Crime Survey for England and Wales and police recorded crime data.
Public Health England	National – England	You can access data by type e.g. dementia, disability, cancer, health inequalities etc. The website is slightly difficult to navigate, but there is plenty of potentially useful information here.

Local Health Website	National – England	This interactive map displays health statistics from Public Health England and the Office for National Statistics which will give you an overview of your region or local area.
Nomis – official labour market and other statistics	National – England & Wales	This website takes data from employment surveys, DWP Benefits, Jobseekers Allowance, the Office for National Statistics etc. It's useful for looking at data on unemployment and your local economy.
Nomis – Ward Profiles	National – England & Wales	Enter your postcode for labour market statistics on your local area. Data about employment levels, stay at home carers and level of qualifications held by local people are available here.
Sport England – Active Lives	National – England	Sport England's Active Lives surveys measure the activity levels of adults and children across England.
Coop Community Wellbeing Index	National – UK	Just enter your postcode for instant statistics about the wellbeing of your area. Includes data about health, housing, employment, access to culture etc.
Datashine Census	National – UK (separate maps for England & Wales and Scotland)	This interactive map displays data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). It's a useful resource for understanding data from the ONS, as their own website can be tricky to navigate. Statistics on travel preferences, housing, education, and general population data are all available.