

LG Inform and the Data Programme

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Background

- Data programme:
 - Started in 2019
 - Help sector make better use of data
 - For councillors and officers
 - LG Inform:
 - Launched in 2011
 - Help sector have easy access to benchmarked data
 - For councillors and officers, and the public
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Office for Local Government

- A new, independent data unit within DLUHC
 - Part of the new focus on assurance and performance management of councils by central government
 - Expected launch this month
 - Initial focus will be on a set of metrics across four services about council and combined authority performance:
 - waste, adult social care, skills and finance
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Data Programme

- [Skills for analysts](#): network and training
 - [Managing data](#) for service transformation
 - [Data maturity self-assessment tool](#) (July)
 - [Performance management](#) resources
 - Good practice guide for officers
 - Performance management panels
 - Good practice guide for councillors
 - E-learning module on good practice
 - Training on understanding performance data
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- Data benchmarking tool for councils
 - More than 11,000 data items:
 - performance, outcome, financial, demographic and contextual data
 - Designed with authorities
 - Always up to date
 - Data in easy to access charts and reports
 - Available to the public
 - Releases councils from hunting for key data
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Demonstration of LG Inform

The screenshot displays the LG Inform website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Help, About, Sign in, Register, and Associated websites. The main header features the LG Inform logo and the tagline "Improving services through information". A search bar is present with the text "Search all data and reports". Below the header is a secondary navigation bar with links for Home, Explore data, Themed reports, Report builder, Benchmarking clubs, and Online training. The main content area features a large banner with a pie chart and the text "LG Inform is the local area benchmarking tool from the Local Government Association". To the right of the banner are four icons representing "Area insight", "Review performance", "Compare areas", and "Scrutiny". Below the banner is a call to action: "Council officer, councillor or other local authority user? Sign in or Register to access all our features". At the bottom of the main content area, there is a section titled "Southwark compared to All London Boroughs (excl City) Quantiles dashboard" with a search bar labeled "Search by area or postcode". The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom of the screen, showing the search bar and various application icons.

Useful LG Inform reports

- LG Inform home page:
<https://lginform.local.gov.uk/>
 - LG Inform [themed reports](#) on:
 - [Overall performance](#) (headline)
 - [Planning](#)
 - [Children in Need and Care](#)
 - [Homelessness](#)
 - [Financial hardship and economic vulnerability](#)
 - [Financial indicators](#)
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