

UK Measures of National Well-being

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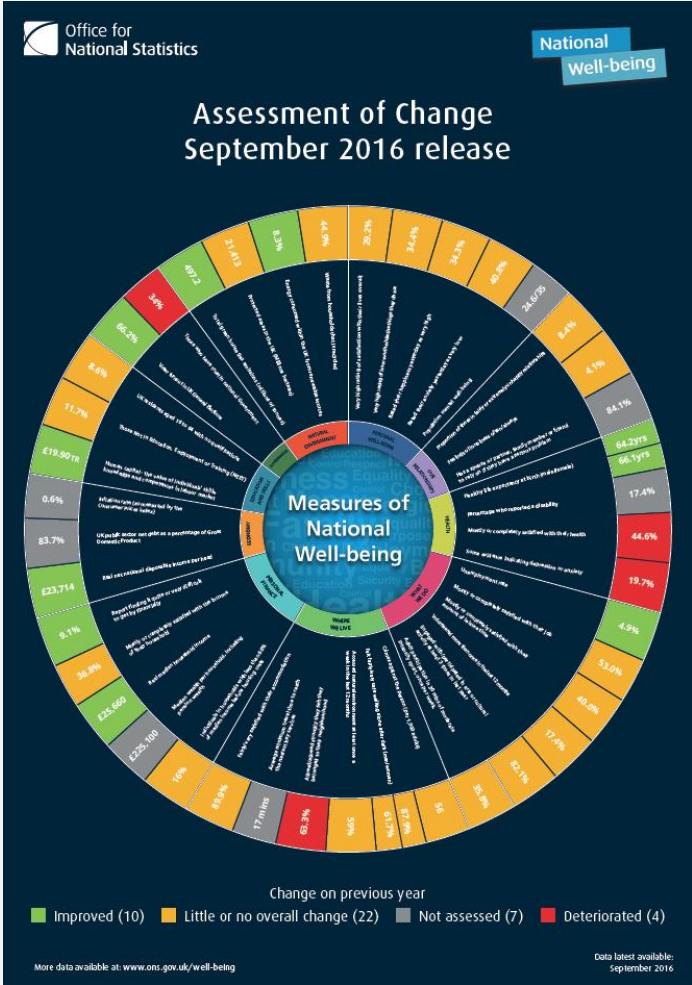
Developing our framework



Background to the Measures of National Well-being

2010 – the then National Statistician, Dame Jil Matheson, launched the ONS National Well-being Programme.

“We must measure what matters - the key elements of national well-being. We want to develop measures based on what people tell us matters most.”



Quotes from the National Debate

*“Simple and efficient access to appropriate **health care** is my highest priority”*

*“The middle earners may not consider **wealth** to be significant in terms of happiness but it is difficult to be happy when you have nothing!!!”*

*“I feel that this is a huge waste of time and money for the government...**Happiness is not a thing to be quantified** and can change rapidly according to a ridiculous amount of factors”*

*“**Job satisfaction and economic** security matter enormously, having lost house, income, savings in early 90's negative equity crisis when house prices fell off a cliff and interest rates soared...”*

*“Does having **good connections** with friends and relatives convey the importance of **having a partner and sex**”*

*“The **well-being of my family and friends**. Good coffee and tea. **Nice food**. Good **books and music**. **Sleep**. Many things matter to me”*

Dimensions and indicators of well-being and data sources



10 domains and 60 measures

Personal
Well-being

Our
Relationships

Health

What we do

Where we
live

Personal
Finance

Education
and Skills

Economy

Governance

Environment

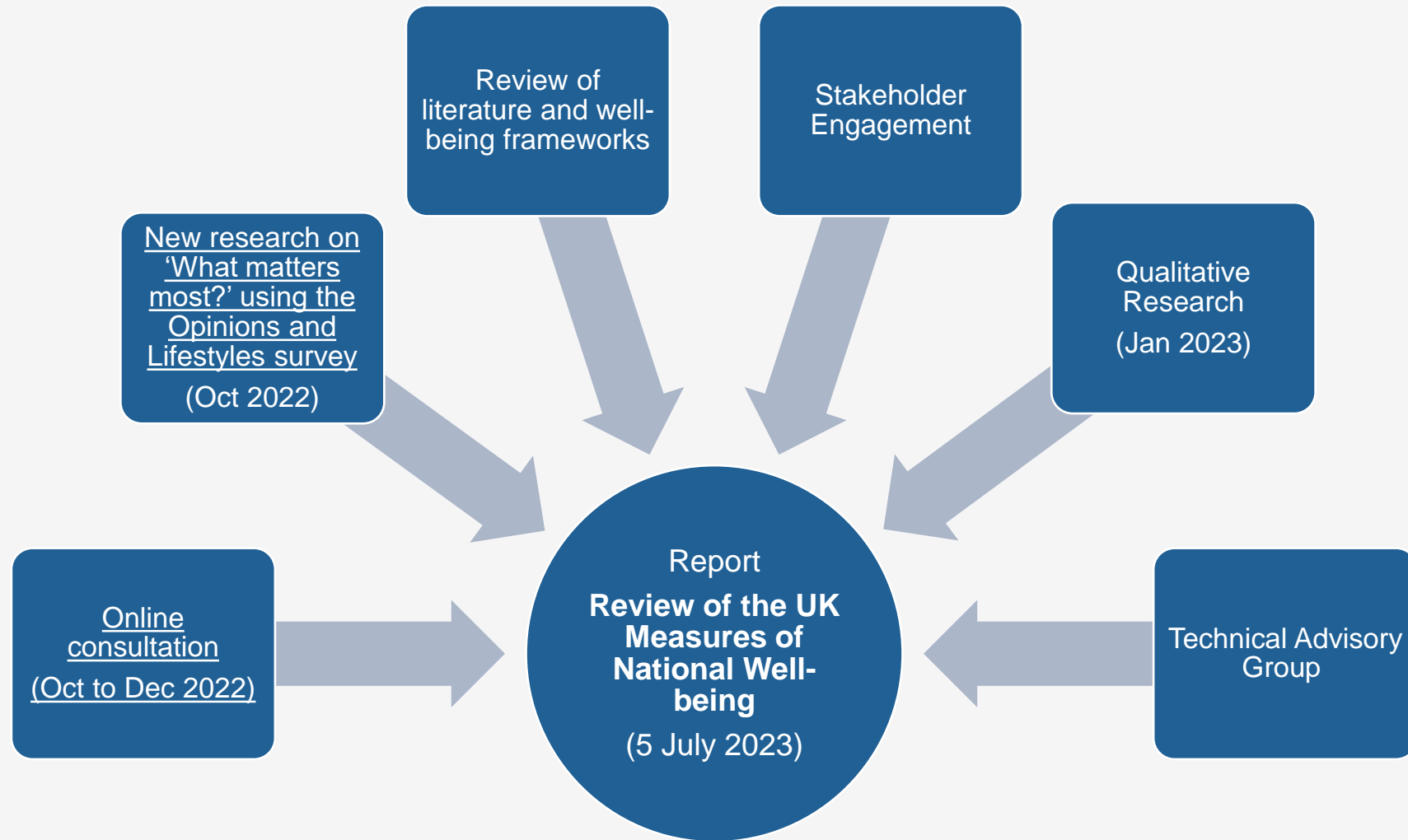
Data sources



Review



Review of the UK Measures of National Well-being



**What
people
told us**

Inequality

**Additional
measures**

Change

Timeliness

**Coherence
and
coverage**

**Visual
dissemination**

UK Measures of National Well-being Dashboard

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UK Measures of National Well-being: Dashboard

A visual overview of how people in the UK are doing across 10 domains of national well-being.

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This dashboard brings together the latest data on how people in the UK are doing as individuals, communities, and a nation. It also considers how sustainable our well-being is for the future.



These measures come from data sources with different geographical coverage and data collection periods. Please use caution when making comparisons between measures and over time. Please also consider the potential impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on data collection and scores.

For more detail on the methods, sources and assessment of change methodology, please read our [UK Measures of National Well-being user guide](#).

Additional releases

Personal Well-being

Social Capital

Human Capital

Natural Capital

Environmental Accounts

Children's Well-being

Young People's Well-being

Measuring Progress, Well-being and Beyond GDP

Net Inclusive Income

Engagement

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