

Custodians, the UPRN and the next Census

The address information created and maintained by Custodians is central to the address list that ONS will use for the Census. Every address curated by a Custodian has a direct value to the council. Not just in terms of the amount of Revenue Support Grant awarded to councils, but also because local authorities use the census to target resources and plan future demand.

Address Custodians need to be adequately resourced so that the information that they maintain is accurate and every property is captured for the Census address list.

This is why Council Leaders and Chief Executives should really love the work that Address Custodians do. The Census is crucial to how councils are funded and resourced.

Custodians are crucial in the amount of money councils receive from central government.

Census data will increase, thanks to the UPRN

THE CENSUS WILL ASK: Where are people working?

The UPRN will enable government to visualise traffic behaviours; to focus on areas where new jobs and training policies are needed; and to make investment decisions accordingly.

THE CENSUS WILL ASK: How many bedrooms do you have, how many people live at your address?

The UPRN will enable central government to formulate new housing policies at a granular level; to understand the impact of changing demographics in a specific area; to plan ahead for education, health, and transport.

THE CENSUS WILL ASK: What is your ethnic origin?

The UPRN will enable government to group data that identifies the extent and nature of disadvantage in the UK - enabling equal opportunities policies.

THE CENSUS WILL ASK: What is your general health, do you have any long-term illnesses in your household, are carers visiting you?

The UPRN will enable government to exchange accurate information about the numbers of people living with medical or care needs; to plan hospitals and care in the

home; and to keep pace with fast-changing patterns of modern life.

THE CENSUS WILL ASK: Do you have your own transport, or do you rely on public transport?

The UPRN will enable government to understand the pressure on transport systems; to visualise and mitigate the risks of emissions; and to invest in the environment appropriately.

Most importantly:

THE CENSUS WILL ASK: How many people live permanently at this specific address?

The UPRN will enable central government to calculate the size of the Revenue Support Grant it allocates to each local authority, to service those citizens' needs. And the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, NHS England and the Welsh Government will allocate billions of pounds to local areas with funding formulae that depend on those UPRN for accuracy.