

A day in the life of the Research Team

This is not an easy thing to describe as no two days are the same! In general our team help to support various services across the Council and in partner organisations by:

- Sourcing relevant information accurately from a range of IT systems;
- Providing insightful analysis and professional advice on data collection and consultation;
- Helping council services and partners to make informed decisions using the data and analysis provided; and
- Sharing knowledge and insights on www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk.

In our Community Safety work area, this could be anything from analysing the trends in shoplifting across a district to summarising multiagency insights on the risk of County Lines affecting local communities.

In our Demography work area this could mean analysing administrative datasets and interpreting demographic trends to inform the population estimates and forecast modelling, the outputs of which are widely used for service planning.

In our Consultation work area this could mean anything from advising colleagues on how to conduct a consultation using best practice principles to analysing and reporting on the results of a consultation that has recently closed, ready for reporting back and formal publication of the consultation's findings.

In our Housing and Pupil Forecasting work area, this could mean building a forecasting model or mapping housing completions... or even out in the field surveying planning permissions.

In our Transport work area, this could mean identifying road traffic collision cluster sites or monitoring cycle trends using our live artificial intelligence traffic sensors.

In our Economy and Skills work area, this could mean investigating labour market trends, the skills levels and needs in the region or looking at further education learner data to support devolved policy making.

A typical day might include scoping new data sources to identify emerging policy trends, working on a report describing local insight across the county, a meeting with a team of analysts designing a new piece of research work and keeping our local databases up to date for our statutory responsibilities. A varied and rewarding day, working within a great team, all sandwiched together with tea, coffee and biscuits!

We're looking for resilient people who have:

- The technical skills to extract and manipulate complex datasets from a range of national and local IT systems;
- The aptitude to support our customers with the information they need (which isn't always what they say they want!);
- A thirst to learn new analytical techniques and a curiosity about the way the Council supports the local community; and

- A continual desire to improve team performance and the way Council services are delivered.

The Research Team, which is primarily focused on providing local insights and analysis relating to the people and place of Cambridgeshire. We currently broadly have research interests in the areas of; communities, population, skills, economy and transport. We work closely with other teams within the Council as well as with partner organisations, aiming to make local data more accessible for the people of Cambridgeshire.

Our office base is at Sunley House in Papworth Everard and we benefit from a flexible approach to hybrid working.