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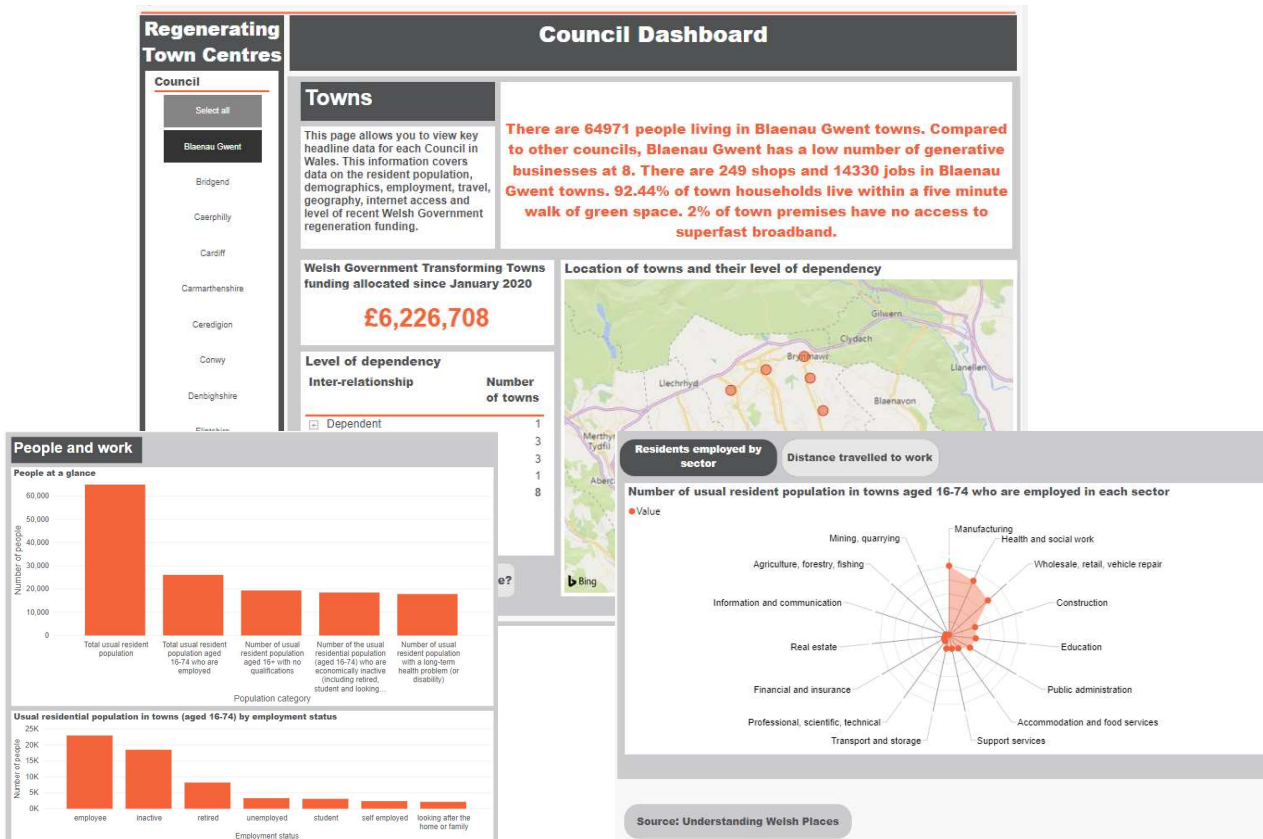
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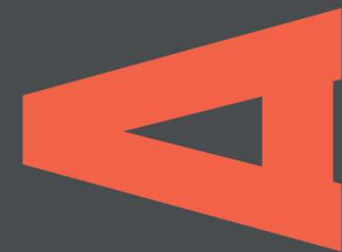
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Main dashboard

- An interactive overview of key data by town and at an all Wales level
- Includes information on funding, inter-relationships demographics and employment
- Use this to show a brief overview of towns within each local authority

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Inter-relationships...

- Independent
- Independent to interdependent
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Wales is a country of small interdependent towns

8 towns across Wales are classified as Independent

Independent places have a high number of assets in relation to their population; a strong diversity of jobs; and residents travel shorter distances to travel to work and services. These places will attract people from neighbouring places to access their assets and jobs.

Independent

Source: Understanding Welsh Places

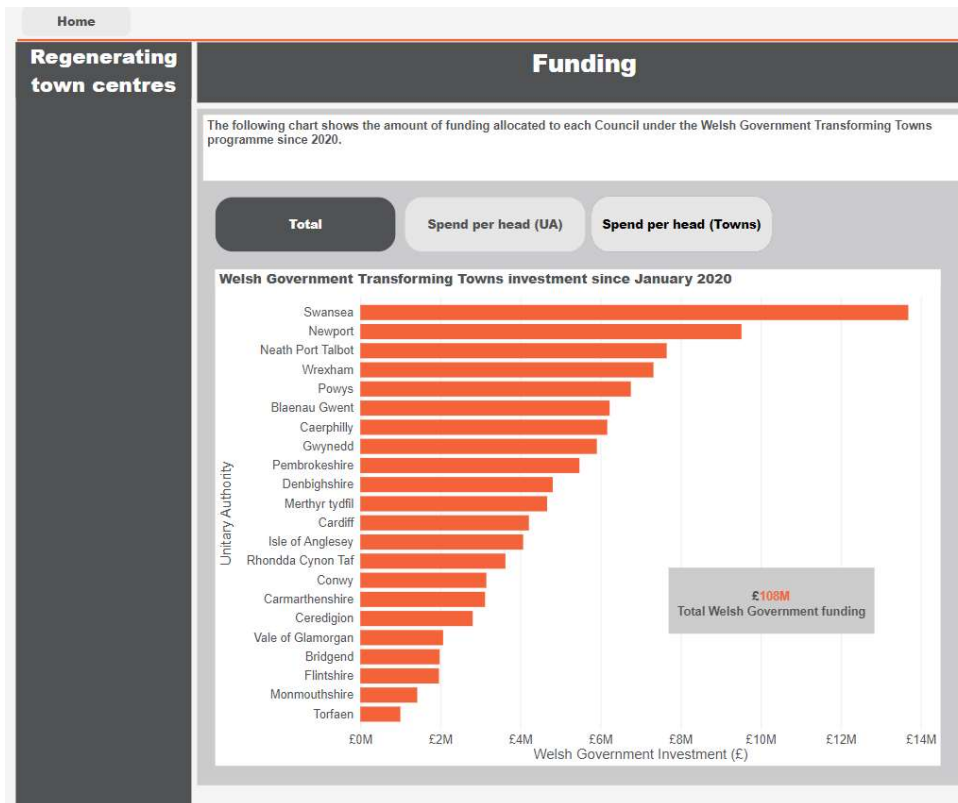
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Interdependencies

- Provides an all Wales overview of where different types of towns are located
- Describes the key attributes associated with different categories of towns, as defined by 'Understanding Welsh Places tool categorisation'
- You can see that many towns are interconnected and rely on services and employment from neighbouring towns

*based on data from the Carnegie UK Trust, the Wales Institute of Social and Economic Research and Data (WISERD), the Institute of Welsh Affairs (IWA), Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES),

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Funding

- Shows the level of funding provided to local authorities
- Shows total Transforming Towns spend
- Also shows spend against local authority population and usual residential town population

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- Caerphilly
- Cardiff
- Camrthenshire
- Ceredigion
- Conwy
- Denbighshire
- Fflintshire
- Gwynedd
- Isle of Anglesey
- Merthyr Tydfil
- Monmouthshire
- Neath Port Talbot
- Newport
- Pembrokeshire
- Powys
- Rhondda Cynon Taf
- Swansea
- Torfaen

What's in our towns?

This section provide information on what's in our High Streets in each local authority area and average travel times to access services.

What are high street buildings made up of? (hover over dots for data (shown as % of buildings))

• Value

Town centres have a mix of uses including:

- Retail – where we shop
- Housing – where we live
- Leisure – when we relax
- Offices – where we work
- Community – where we engage with each other

Source: Office for National Statistics

Average return travel times to services (minutes)

Type of travel and service	Average return travel times (minutes)
Public travel time to a secondary school	~55
Public travel time to a sports facility	~48
Public travel time to a public library	~38
Public travel time to a primary school	~32
Private travel time to a secondary school	~12
Private travel time to a sports facility	~10

Source: Understanding Welsh Places

Town centres have been steadily losing services. Welsh Government has a policy known as 'Town Centre First' which means to locate services and buildings in town centres wherever possible.

We have shown an example of public services locations showing the locations of GP surgeries and their proximity to town centres.

GP's and towns / communities in Vale of Glamorgan

- GP
- Town/Community

Number of GP surgeries in the local authority area: **22**

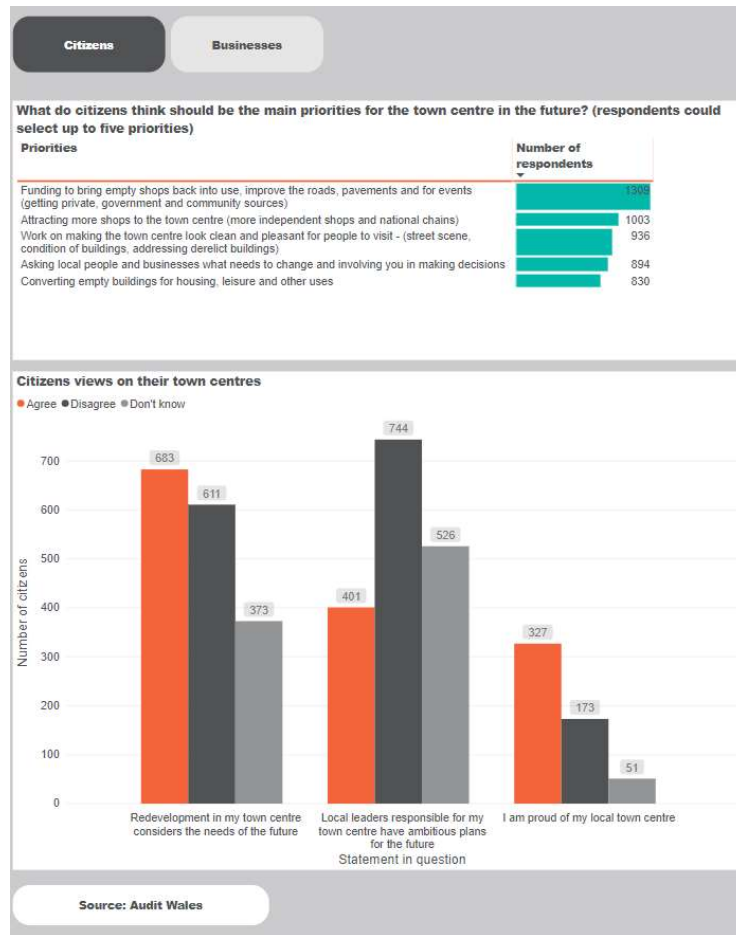
Number of towns / communities: **7**

Source: NHS Wales

What's in our towns?

- Shows how towns are being used, by local authority area
- Includes information on accessibility
- Map shows GP surgery locations in relation to town centres – one of many public services that can encourage people into towns

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Your Town Your Views

- Shows a selection of results from the Audit Wales 'Your Town Your Future' survey
- Includes citizen and businesses views at an all Wales level
- Includes views on current situation and future priorities

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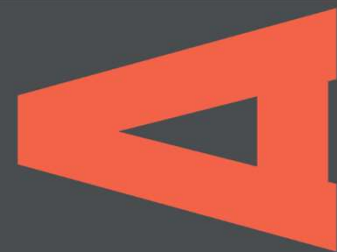
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Purpose of the tool

- Compliments findings of our report
- Focusses on interdependency of Welsh towns – need to view data through this lens
- Brings a range of data together in one place to:
 - enable councils and partners to understand the dynamics within and between towns.
 - support better decision making and evaluation.
 - make best use of resources

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Involvement

Action needed	Yes, we are good at this and no further work is required	No, there is more for us to do
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We effectively and externally involve all its partners and stakeholders in our town centre regeneration.

Informed

Action needed	Yes, we are good at this and no further work is required	No, there is more for us to do
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We draw on the views of all our partners, but we ensure that all stakeholders have agreed our priorities for regeneration.

Our priorities for regeneration are agreed with all our partners and stakeholders.

We make transparent and good quality information available on town centre regeneration.

Intervention

Action needed	Yes, we are good at this and no further work is required	No, there is more for us to do
We have defined and clarified roles, responsibilities and our legal powers to support our town centre regeneration work.		
We can draw on and utilise the skills and knowledge of our partners, the Welsh Government and stakeholders to help us take legal action to regenerate town centres.		

- Expectation on all local authorities to use tool to self-assess their current approach
- Helps identify where they need to improve their work on town centre regeneration

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