

THE CAMBRIDGE STATISTICS DISCUSSION GROUP  
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND SPEAKER

Tuesday 30th October 2007 7:15 for 7:45

Large Lecture Theatre,  
MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit,  
Chaucer Road, Cambridge

## The use of research and statistics in local government

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**Abstract:** Cambridgeshire is one of the fastest growing areas in England. Even though development puts pressure on the environment and infrastructure it can also be a source of jobs, homes, transport and landscapes. It is important for local government to identify shortfalls and opportunities in order to inform service planning. In the long-term this can improve the quality of life of people living in Cambridgeshire. By taking the Research Group of the Cambridgeshire County Council as an example, this speech will provide an overview of what research can be undertaken by a local authority. Moreover, it will illustrate how a local authority collects data, produces statistics and disseminates statistical information to stakeholders or members of the public. The speech will cover the areas and methodologies used to provide a comprehensive research and intelligence service for the Council and its partners.

**Speaker:** Julia Gummy is a Population Research Officer at the Research Group of the Cambridgeshire County Council. She graduated in 2003 in Economics from the University of Salamanca in Spain. After completing her studies she worked as a consultant dealing with European projects and programmes in Brussels and as an analyst in the Wholesale and Investment Banking department of the BBVA bank in Madrid. In 2006 she obtained a postgraduate degree in Social Policy Analysis from the University of Leuven in Belgium and CEPS/INSTEAD in Luxembourg. Her main research interests lie in the statistical analysis of large, complex datasets such as the European Community Household Panel and the study of consumer indebtedness and poverty in Europe.

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**Provisional Next Meetings:**

28th November – David Edwards (Cambs & Peterborough Public Health Network) on 'The use of NHS data to investigate higher than expected levels of breast cancer in Hertfordshire'.

5th February – Richard Gibbens (Computer Laboratory) on 'Road transport data and their uses'.

3rd March – Krys Kelly (MRC Biostatistics).

**Supper:** Some members eat before a talk at the University Centre meeting in the downstairs bar at 5-45pm. All welcome !

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