Data gaps

What questions should public sector leaders be asking?

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Questions for public sector leaders			
1. Do you understand what data is collected across your organisation and why?	Yes	Yes – only partially	No
2. Are you using all this data effectively? Is it adding value and telling you what you really need to know? • If not, what data can you stop collecting/processing? • What data do you need to start collecting and processing to help you answer your questions and address the challenges your organisation faces?	Yes – working well	Yes – improvement required	No – action needed

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3. Is your organisation building a data culture that values the data it uses and empowers people to use it?	Yes – working well	Yes – improvement required	No – action needed
4. Do you know who is responsible for data in your organisation?	Yes	No	
5. Has your organisation adopted, or are you using common data standards?	Yes – working well	Yes – improvement required	No – action needed

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6. Does your organisation have the right infrastructure and data tools for using, analysing and sharing data safely and securely?	Yes – working well	Yes – improvement required	No – action needed
7. Do you have a budget for data and know where investment is needed?	Yes	No	Only partially
8. Do you know what data skills your organisation has and needs, now and in the future?	Yes	No	Only partially

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	Yes – working well	Yes – improvement required	No – action needed
9. Are you working with other organisations and sectors to share and build data as a national asset?			