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What we have been reading

[Poverty In Scotland](#)

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SIMD In Action

Have you used SIMD to conduct analysis or research? Send us your examples and we might highlight them in future newsletters.

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Amongst other factors, before including an indicator to SIMD16 it must:

- have a sound reason for including it as an indicator
- it accurately reflects deprivation
- also be a useful indicator on its own

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Progress Report

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Data Agreements are being put in place to ensure we have the right data at the right time. The last agreement being worked out is with the Department of Work and Pensions who help us deliver the Income and Employment Domains.

We will also be getting in touch with Local Authorities to make sure we have experts from all across Scotland to help us quality assure SIMD16.

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