



WHAT IS THE ONE SCOTLAND GAZETTEER?

The One Scotland Gazetteer (OSG) is an address dataset that comprises up-to-date data, maintained by each of Scotland's 32 local authorities.

The information stems from local authority functions, including Planning, Building Standards and Street Naming and Numbering which are the foundations for all address intelligence.

Validation

The local gazetteers are collated by the Spatial Information Service within the Improvement Service, where robust quality assurance is undertaken to ensure currency and consistency. Consequently, the OSG dataset adheres to nationally agreed conventions and is held in a standardised structure that conforms to the British Standard for addressing.

Origins

The OSG dates back to 2003, when the then Scottish Executive provided £7.5m of funding, along with £2.5m from Scottish local authorities, to create a national gazetteer which would support the delivery of modern public services in Scotland.

Unique Property Reference Number

Crucially, the OSG holds the unique property reference number that provides a common thread that allows the linking of information held in disparate systems.

Usage

The OSG is made freely available to members of the One Scotland Mapping Agreement and is used throughout the Scottish public sector, including the emergency services, e-Planning, ScotLIS, the Energy Savings Trust, SEPA, myaccount, assessor and the electoral register.

In Scotland, the OSG forms the foundation for Ordnance Survey's AddressBase product suite.



Cost-benefits

- A faster, more efficient public services through a centralised address source
- Access to the most comprehensive and up-to-date addressing dataset for Scotland
- High level of data currency and reliability along with a robust change feedback mechanism ensuring user confidence
- Supporting multiple-government applications through the UPRN
- A spatial reference for every record means that other non-spatial data can be incorporated into Geographical Information Systems
- Access to the status of a property and important dates in its lifecycle
- Access to added-value data associated with land and property, for example use classification or occupier
- Assists public sector bodies in compliance with the European Union's INSPIRE obligations
- The UPRN allows disparate back-office IT systems to integrate and communicate