Sharing best practice in the use of NPD through a wiki

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Models for sharing best practice

- New users:
  - ADLS website http://www.adls.ac.uk/data-providers/department-for-education/dcsf-npd/
  - Training courses
- Experienced users:
  - DfE documentation
  - PLUG website and user group meetings http://www.bris.ac.uk/cmpo/plug/

Sharing best practice in the use of NPD

1. How can I explain the extent to which FSM is a good proxy for social disadvantage?
2. What is a postcode? It is good indicator of location?
3. Where is that code that turns the KS2 data into a ranked-z score/fractional level equivalent?
4. How do I turn the postcode from a variable into a fixed length string?
5. What can I do about the SEN categories in the 2001/2 sweep?

Why a wiki?

- Low (zero) cost
- Lifespan
- Type of information

Exploring our wiki

http://nationalpupildatabase.wikispaces.com/

Drawbacks of using a wiki

1. Maintenance relies on goodwill of the end-user community

2. Questions about accuracy and validation

Maintaining the wiki over the next year

- Existing users
- Other academics
- Next user group meeting