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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

UK's 2019 Voluntary National Review

Our experience and lessons learned

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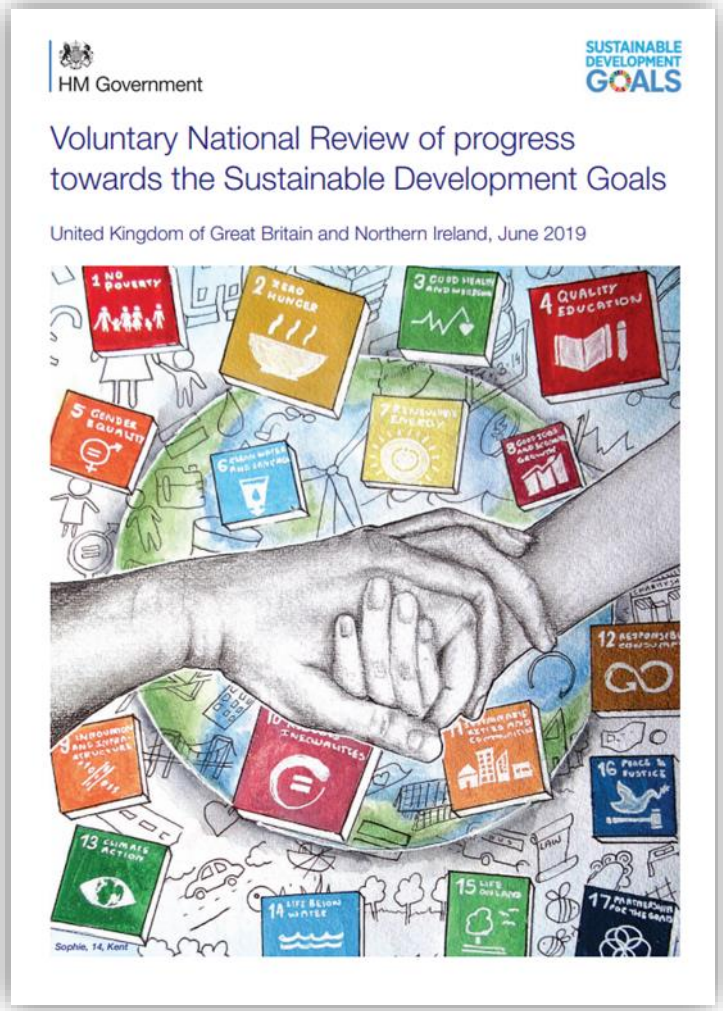
Virtual Expert peer exchange for VNR 2023 countries:
Best practices in data disaggregation for VNR reporting

UK's 1st VNR in 2019

- Cross-Government Coordination led by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office; Cabinet Office and ONS
- Sets out activity since 2015
- Covers all 169 Targets
- Covers national and international work, focus on national
- Collaboration with Devolved Governments of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales
- Informed by a range of stakeholders, with 380 organisations engaged, and 270 case studies received during the process



How was our VNR (data) led?

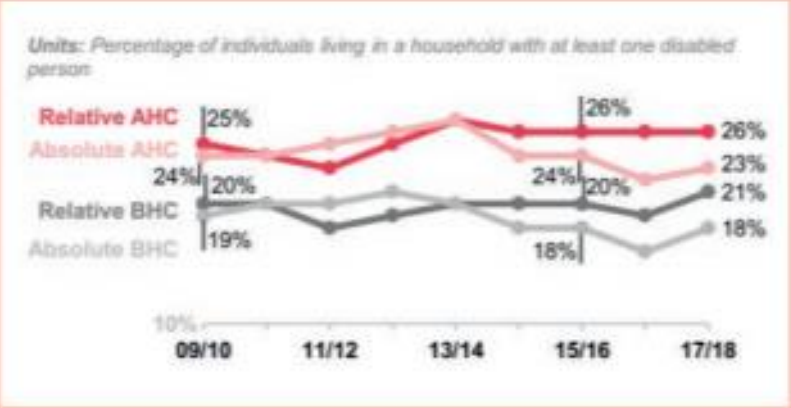
- Established 'data led' as a principle early on
- ONS had a 'seat at the table' from the start
- Negotiated a stand-alone data chapter: Using Data and tracking progress towards the Goals
- Strong 'Leave No One Behind' theme -> needs data
- Pushed for data to be the thread throughout
- Statistical Annex

The Data Picture: Disability poverty

Coverage: UK

Absolute poverty measures for families with a disabled member have fallen since 2013/14. Relative measures have remained more stable over the same time period.

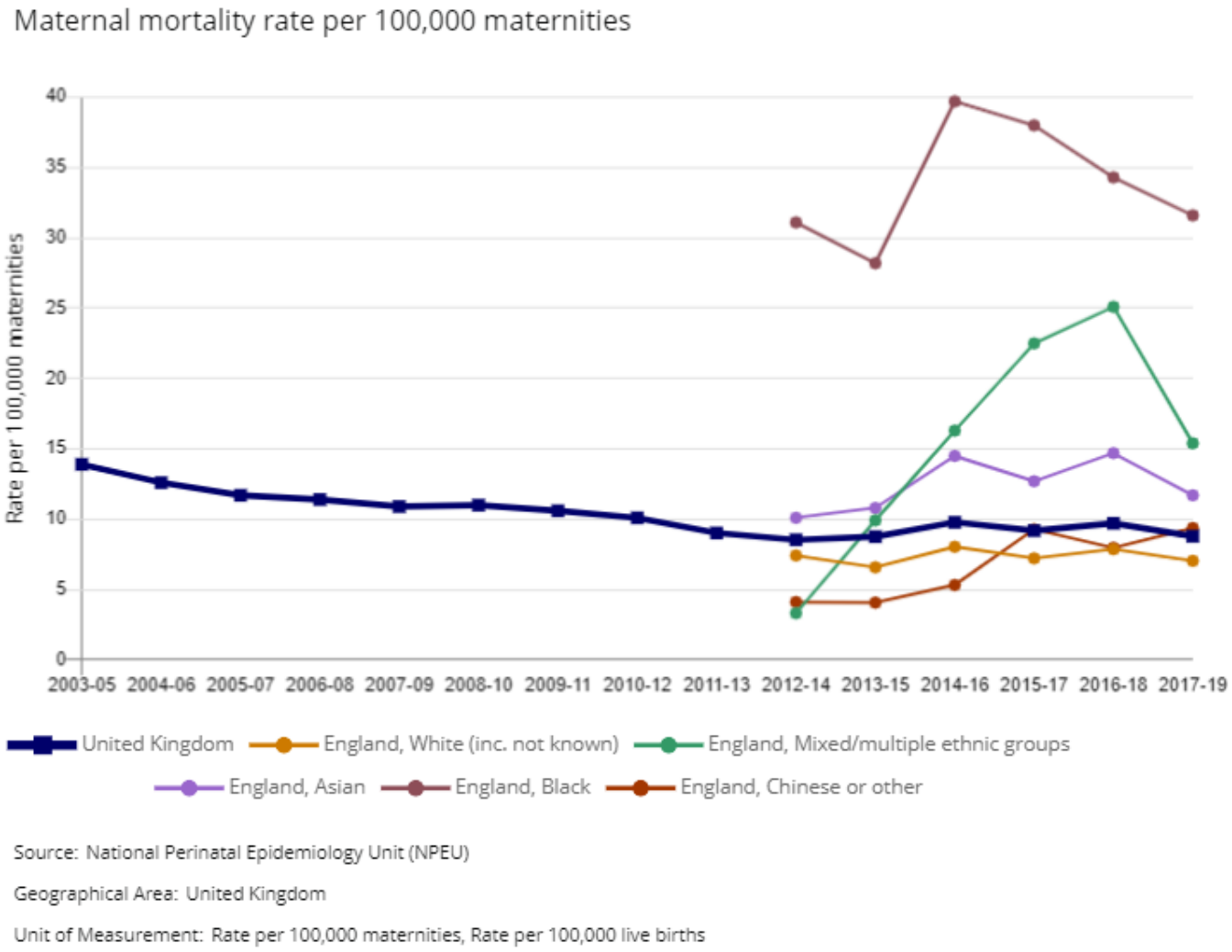
Percentage of individuals in households where someone is disabled in poverty: 2009/10 to 2017/18



Source: Department for Work and Pensions, HBAI 2017/18

Leave no one behind

- Disaggregated data essential for ensuring that we leave no one behind
- Focal part of our SDG platform



Source: National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit (NPEU)

Geographical Area: United Kingdom

Unit of Measurement: Rate per 100,000 maternities, Rate per 100,000 live births

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Challenges... and opportunities

Challenges

- Not joined up – with statisticians in other government departments, statisticians and policy leads
- Chapter authors/ data familiarity
- Timescales

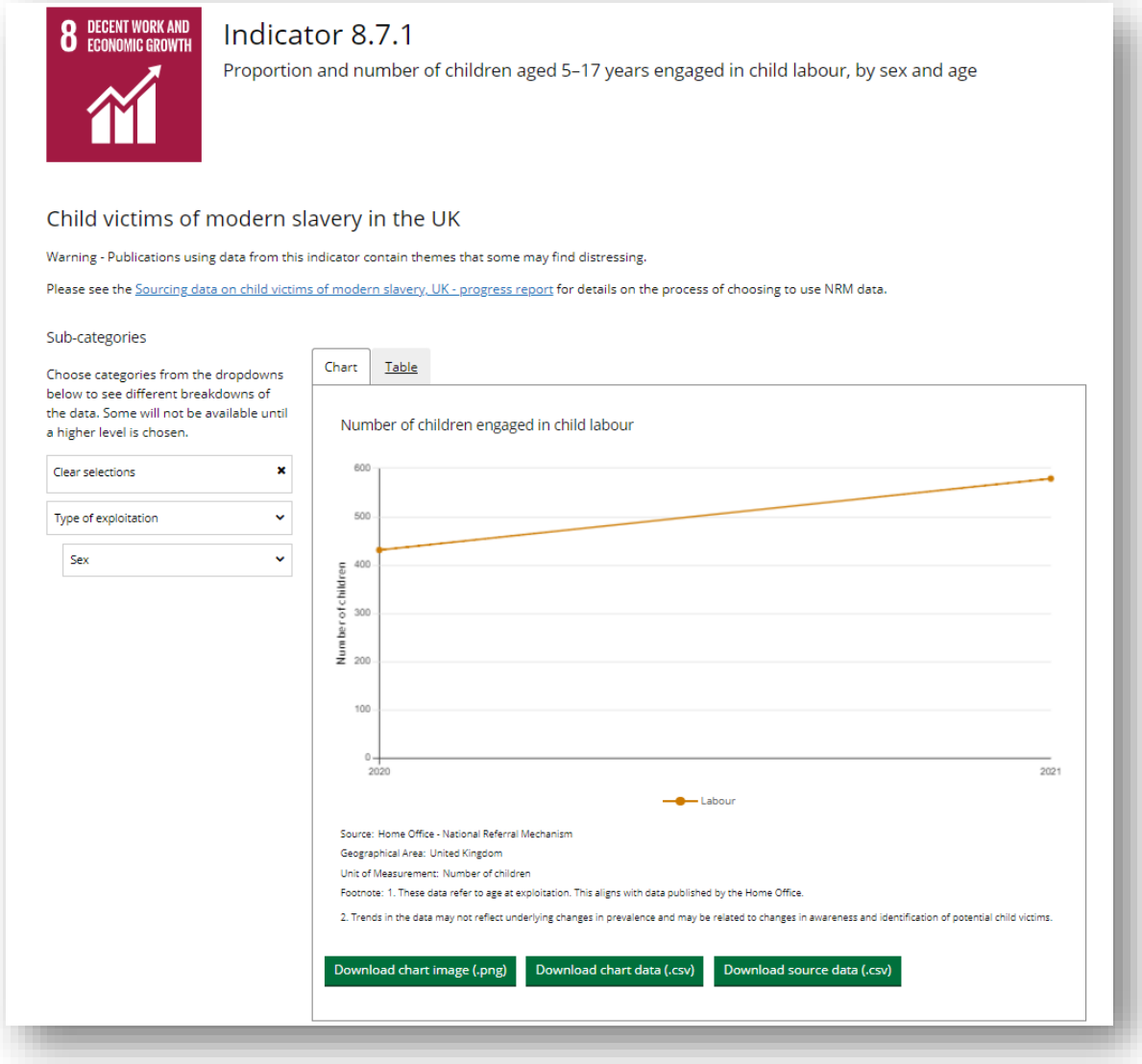
Opportunities

- Excellent networking opportunity!
- Educational opportunity!
- Pace!

What progress have we made since our 1st VNR?

Our data has been described by the Chief Exec of UN Global Compact UK as ***'world leading'*** in terms of the coverage and quality of data provided and as ***'ground-breaking'*** by the UN Statistics Division.

- Quantity and quality of data
- Non-Official data protocol
- Our research



Thank you for listening!

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Keeping together is progress

Working together is success”

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Any questions, comments or suggestions?

Link to the UK Open SDG Platform
Link to the UK’s Voluntary National Review