

How to Use the Mapping Tool

The **Views Mapping Tool** enables users to visualise records on a map. Any record linked to a **postcode** can be displayed, including **Contact records**, **Session Groups**, **Sessions**, and **Venues**. Multiple data sets can be shown on a single map, and **data layers** can be added to plot your data against **Ward** and **Local Authority** boundaries, **indices of deprivation**, and other geographical indicators. This guide explains the key processes for using the Mapping Tool effectively.

How to Create a Map

- Hover over Intelligence and select Mapping.
- Click the **plus** icon. +
- Enter a Name and Description for your map.
- Choose **Yes** or **No** in the **Use Public URL** field. Selecting **Yes** generates a public URL that allows you to share the map externally on a web page. From the mapping page, you can select the **Cache Public Map** icon at any time to refresh the URL with your latest changes.





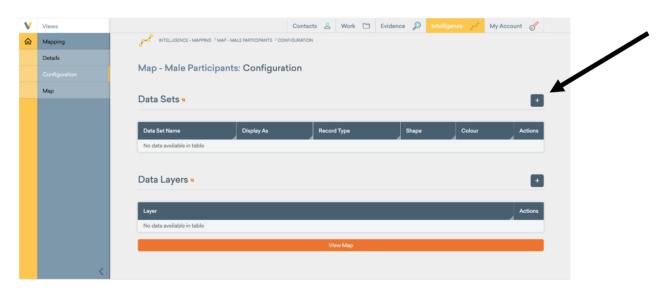
• Click Save.

You'll be taken to the **Configuration** section, where you can add **Data Sets** and **Data Layers**.

How to Add a Data Set to a Map*

Data Sets define which records are displayed on the map. You can visualise any **Contact** or **Work** record with a recorded postcode, and display multiple data sets on the same map. To add a **Data Set**:

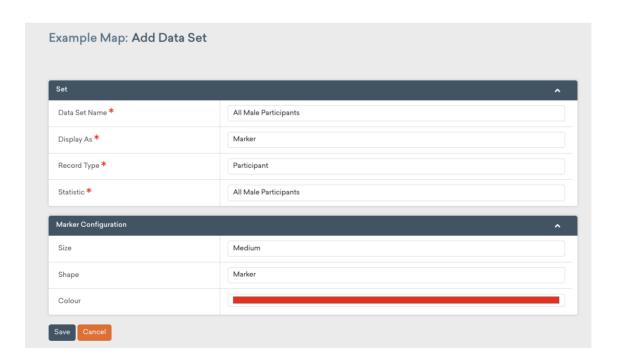
• From the Configuration page, click the plus icon next to Data Sets.



^{*} Data Sets are based on **Statistics** created in the **Intelligence** area. For guidance on creating statistics, refer to the **How To Create A Statistic** guide at https://www.substance.net/intelligence-section/.



- Enter a Name for the Data Set.
- In the Display As field, select one of the following:
 - o Marker Displays each mapped postcode as an individual data point.
 - o Cluster Groups nearby postcodes into clusters, ideal for visualising dense areas.
- Choose the **Record Type** (e.g., *Participants*) and the **Statistic** to define the included records.
- Under Marker Configuration, customise the Size, Shape, and Colour that represent the data set.



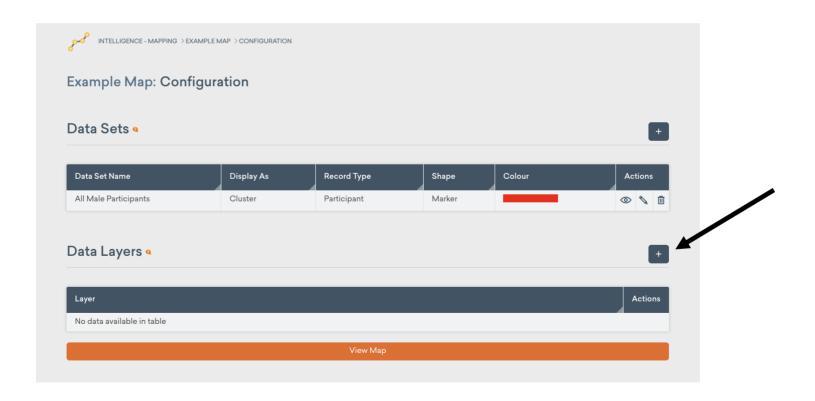


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How to Add a Data Layer to a Map

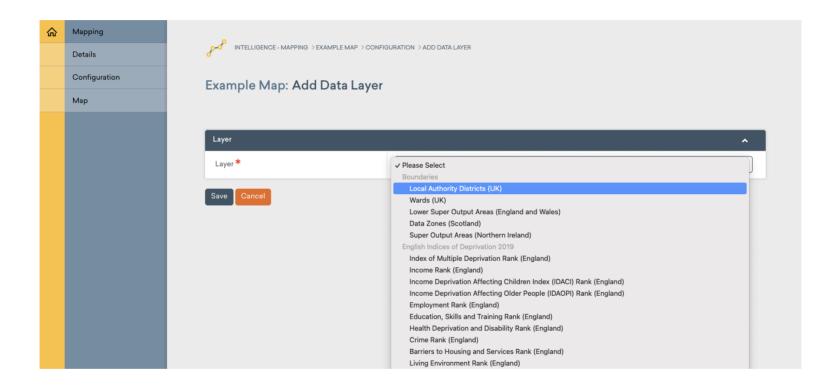
Data Layers allow you to overlay your data with geographical boundaries (e.g., **Ward**, **Local Authority**) and indicators from the **Data Layer Library**, such as **indices of deprivation**. To add a **Data Layer**:

• From the Configuration page, click the plus (+) icon next to Data Layers.





• Select a **Data Layer** from the library.

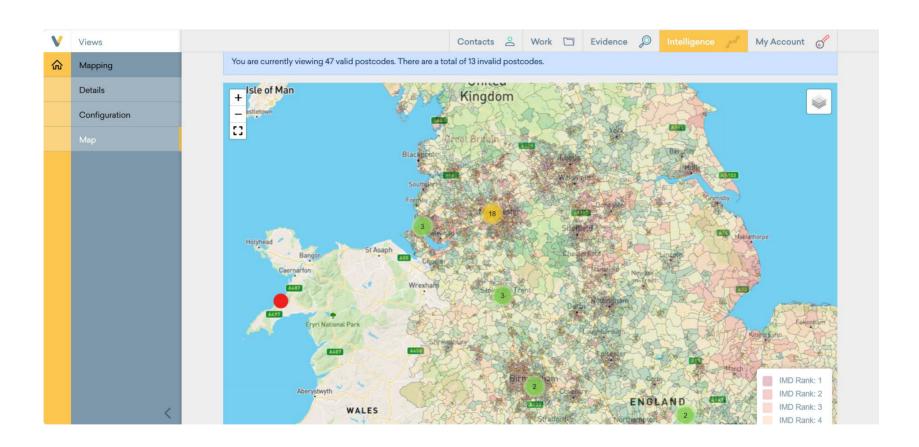


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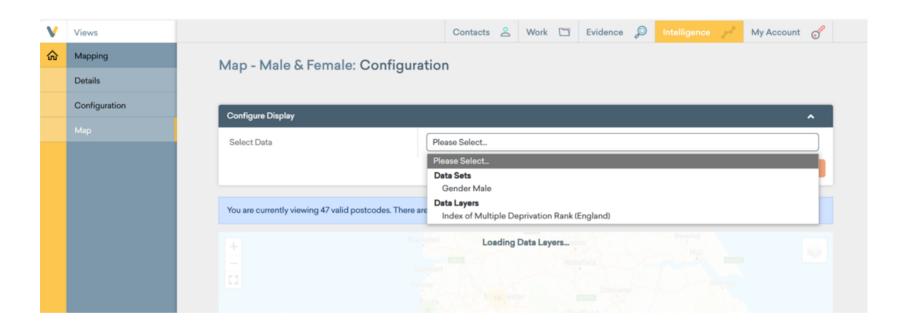
How to View a Map

• Select Map from the menu on the left-hand side.





- In the Configure Display menu at the top, you can adjust settings for your Data Sets and Data Layers:
 - o Edit colours, marker sizes, and display options.





- Use the **Configure** icon (top-right of the map) to:
 - o Toggle **Data Sets** and **Data Layers** on or off easily.

