

The use of mobile devices to carry out Blaise surveys at ONS

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The Office for National Statistics uses the Blaise DEP loaded onto laptops for all social data collection. This includes the International Passenger Survey (IPS) where data are collected from passengers entering and exiting the country on paper forms, then keyed into a Blaise questionnaire to be transmitted to head office.

For more than 10 years, ONS has been open to the idea of switching to an immediate data entry tool on the IPS, such as a hand-held or mobile device. In recent years there have been advances in hardware, plus new developments in Blaise, which have now led us to investigate the use of Blaise on hand-held devices.

This paper will report on trials running Blaise on handhelds. It will analyse flexible Blaise is to transfer from a laptop to a hand-held device and any interviewer training issues.

Abstract