

Shaping good research practice

Insights from statistics regulation

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Who are we?

We are independent
from government
Ministers

We are separate
from the ONS

We do not produce
statistics

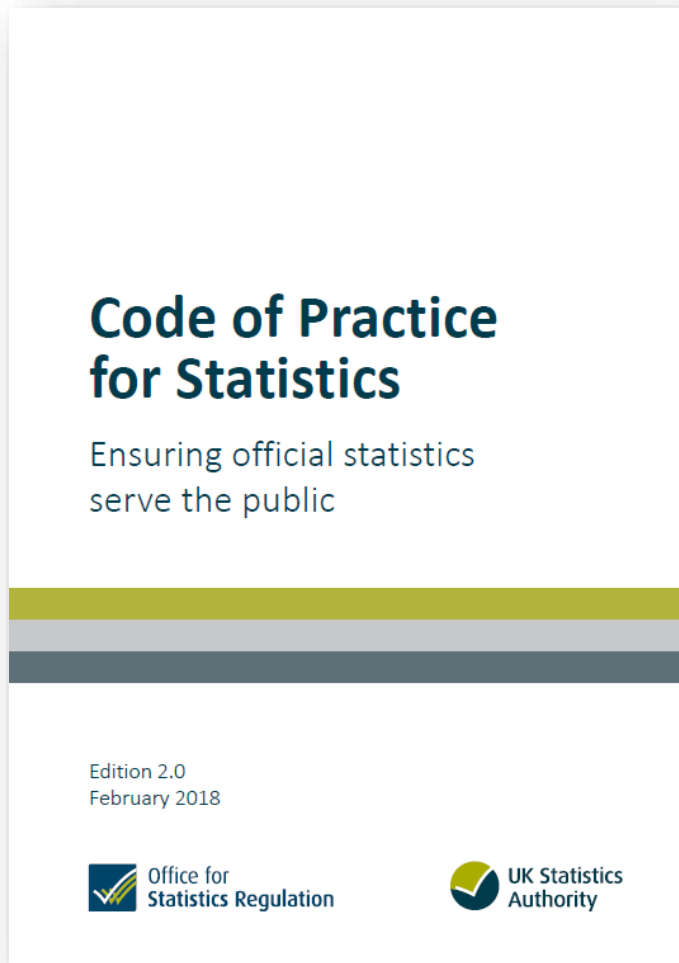
Code of Practice for Statistics

Ensuring official statistics
serve the public

Edition 2.0
February 2018



We set standards



Trustworthiness

Confidence in the people
& organisations producing
statistics

Quality

Data and methods that
produce assured
statistics

Value

Statistics that support
society's needs for
information

We assess compliance

- Full assessment, typically 3-6 months +
- Compliance check → much faster

March 2019, Care Home Census Scotland

“We are content for these statistics to retain their National Statistics designation, provided two conditions are met. Firstly, the DSA needs to be signed in time for the 2018/19 statistics to be published this autumn (alongside the delayed 2017/18 statistics). Secondly, the short-term improvements your team has already identified, including a greater focus on providing useful insights, need to be implemented for the next publication.”

We challenge



Brexit: Boris Johnson and stats chief in row over £350m figure

🕒 18 September 2017



The Herald

7th March

Nicola Sturgeon reprimanded for misuse of NHS data

By Tom Gordon
Scottish Political Editor

February 2020, Care Home Census Scotland

“I understand that the DSA has now been signed, following an extended delay. ... This long delay does not meet the standards set out in the Code of Practice for Statistics and therefore we agree that these should no longer be designated National Statistics.”

We support

Regulatory Guidance

Building confidence in the handling and use of data

October 2018

Guidance and resources – producing official statistics

Table of guidance and resources

Use the table below to access links to guidance that will help you understand the Code and think about how to apply and comply with the principles and practices. It includes guidance produced by the Office for Statistics Regulation and the UK Statistics Authority, as well as guidance produced by the Government Statistical Service (GSS) and the Good Practice Team (GPT), and for some principles, guidance from international statistics bodies and non-government organisations.

Table of guidance and resources

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Principle	Description	Link	Source
Q1: Suitable data sources	Guidance on quality assuring administrative data used to create statistics. It includes explanatory notes, case examples, Frequently Asked Questions, the actual toolkit (audit questionnaire), and questions to prompt thinking when conducting the audit.	Quality Assurance of Administrative Data (QAAD)	OSR
Q1: Suitable data sources	Guidance on quality assuring management information (MI) – aggregate information collated during the normal course of business to inform operational delivery, policy development or the management of performance. It includes examples of the practices to use.	Quality Assurance of Management Information (QAMI)	OSR

We advocate systemic change



We extend



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