

Introduction to Health Statistics User Group

Background

The Health Statistics User Group (HSUG) was established to represent all users of health and care statistics and to bring together users and producers of statistics. Our activities are aimed at maintaining and improving data quality, data access, and the use of health and health services statistics.

The group is independent, but, along with other groups representing users of statistics, we are affiliated to the Statistics User Forum, hosted by the Royal Statistical Society. Our membership includes professionals working in a wide range of organisations including NHS organisations, central and local government, universities and non-governmental organisations.

HSUG aims to represent all users of health and care statistics, and believe that one of the strengths of the Group is that it provides a regular forum where all users can exchange ideas, across disciplinary or organisational boundaries

The Group is run by a Committee, with the members of the Committee, in most cases, representing a particular group of health statistics providers or users. Members are also welcome to nominate other committee members, particularly if they feel that a specific area of health and care statistics provision has not been well covered by recent HSUG activities.

HSUG activities

Representing the view of health statistics users

We represent the views of health and care statistics users in national discussions or consultations. We consult directly or through the Statistics Users Forum or the Royal Statistical Society. We also try to maintain awareness of current issues and to be proactive where we feel that the views of the Group need to be made known.

Participating in HSUG activities

The meetings and workshops held by HSUG are a way of stimulating debate and obtaining feedback on current issues. We disseminate the results of these discussions, and other health information developments, via the HSUG website www.hsug.org.uk.

The web site also provides an opportunity for members to post information that they feel is of interest to the Group, and for further discussion on current topics of interest. Users interested in participating in this way can become members by registering on the HSUG web site.

If you have any queries about the work of HSUG or suggestions please email: info@hsug.org.uk