

Introduction to Health and Care Statistics Summit – 8th July 2016

In February 2016 the UK Statistics Authority convened a meeting - a Round Table - of many of the leaders of the English health and care system to discuss how English health and care statistics could be enhanced to better serve the public good: how the statistics might be improved, in order to support better decision making. See information about this on UK Statistics Authority website: <https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/publication/health-and-care-statistics-in-england-the-statistics-authoritys-direction-of-travel/>

Next steps include a **Better Statistics, Better Decisions Health and Care Summit**. This is being held on Friday 8th July at Etc. Venues - 1 Drummond Gate, Victoria, London
<https://www.etcvenues.co.uk/venues/victoria>

This will be a participatory event involving both producers and user with two immediate goals:

- i) To move toward a more focused, balanced and insightful portfolio of National and official statistics; and
- ii) To draw on existing user engagement and seeking the views of users, set expectations for future engagement.

UK Statistics Authority have said "we see this event as a key milestone in our agenda to ensure health and care statistics are coherent, of high quality, insightful, trustworthy, and delivered with excellent public value. It was clear from the Round Table that our agenda is shared by many of the leaders of the health and social care system."

Further information about the event is available on the UK Statistics Authority web site: <https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/monitoring-and-assessment/monitoring/monitoring-work-programme/health-and-care-interventions/better-statistics-better-decisions-health-and-care-summit/>

UK Statistics Authority has tried to include users and producers from as wide a range of organisations as possible in this event, and Health Statistics User Group have been assisting the Authority in disseminating information about the meeting to users. Participants have been invited from around 90 organisations with an involvement, or interest, in health and care statistics. However, it is recognised that producers and users of health and care statistics are very widespread and so UK Statistics Authority is interested in being notified of any additional organisations who would like to participate in these discussions. The meeting is being seen as a step in an ongoing process of user engagement - so the list of potential participants is relevant not just for attendance at the meeting (or remote contributions), but also for having a network of people who can continue to exchange ideas on the ways forward.