

Statistics at NHSBSA
**Statement of compliance with the Code of
Practice for Statistics**

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About this document

NHSBSA is committed to complying with the principles of the UK Statistical Authority's [Code of Practice for Statistics \('The Code'\)](#). The Code encourages and supports NHSBSA to maintain independence and quality in its publishing of statistics. It helps producers and users of statistics by setting out the necessary principles and practices to produce statistics that are worthy of trust, are of high quality, and are of public value. This document sets out how the NHSBSA implements the Code of Practice for Statistics. It will be regularly reviewed and refreshed in line with any adjustments to the Code, or other relevant policies and practices.

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Section 1: Purpose

About us

The NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) is a Special Health Authority and an Arm's Length Body of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). We provide a range of critical central services to NHS organisations, NHS contractors, patients and the public.

We employ statisticians, analysts and data scientists to produce Official and National Statistics, management information, analysis and insight using data we hold for our core business functions, including:

- Electronic staff record (ESR)
- England Infected Blood Support Scheme
- NHS Dental Services
- NHS Help with Health Costs
- NHS Injury Benefits Scheme
- NHS penalty charges
- NHS Pensions
- NHS Prescription Services
- Overseas Healthcare Services
- Student Services
- Total Reward Statements.

Legislation

As per the Official Statistics Order 2018 to the extent that they are not otherwise official statistics by virtue of section 6(1)(a) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007, the statistics produced or to be produced by the NHSBSA are specified as Official Statistics for the purposes of section 6(1)(b) of that Act.

The Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 created a new framework for all official statistics with specific requirements relating to National Statistics outputs, and established the UK Statistics Authority as an independent non-ministerial department accountable to Parliament and responsible for safeguarding the production and publication of official statistics. The UK Statistics Authority sets the standards for producers of official statistics to follow so that they establish and maintain public confidence in them. These standards outline the steps required to ensure they are worthy of trust, are of high quality, and offer value for the public good.

Official Statistics and the Code of Practice

Statistics are part of the lifeblood of democratic debate. They are a foundation of society, supporting the decisions we make. Publishing effectively is a crucial part of our vision to be a Catalyst for Better Health. We can use our expertise to better tell the story of our data and inform debate. We share data, analysis and insight with the NHS organisations and NHS contractors, policy makers, and the public. We recognise that, through greater transparency and making more of our data open, we can inspire choice and increase accountability.

Our statistical [publication strategy](#) sets out our vision to release not just data, but statistics that add value and inform understanding of key areas of the Health and Social Care system

of which we are a part of. We are committed to improving public understanding by being not just provider of data but a producer of Official Statistics.

The [Code of Practice for Statistics](#) ('The Code' for short) and associated guidance issued by the UK Statistics Authority gives us a framework for releasing statistics that are of public value, high quality and worthy of trust.

Section 2: Compliance

General statement of compliance

All Official and National Statistics produced by the NHSBSA are produced in accordance with the principles set out in The Code and its supporting protocols subject to any exceptions noted in this statement of compliance. The rest of this statement describes how we comply with The Code, and what other policies we have that support our compliance. It will be reviewed regularly and updated as necessary. Some statistics produced using our data are designated as 'National Statistics'. Our compliance will be subject to review by the Office for Statistics Regulation.

Reporting of non-compliance

All reportable occurrences of non-compliance of Official and National Statistics with respect to the Code of Practice will be reported by our Lead Official for Statistics to the National Statistician, and a Breach Report published to the UKSA website. We will report breaches by following the guidance on reporting breaches that can be found on the [Government Statistical Service \(GSS\) website](#).

Section 3: Supporting Polices

The following business wide [policies and procedures](#), together with specific [statistical publication policies and standards](#) form an integral part of this compliance statement, specifically:

- Statistical policy statement on Confidentiality
- Statistical policy statement on Administrative Sources
- Statistics Revisions and Corrections Policy
- Statistics Customer Service and User Engagement Policy
- Statement of Compliance with the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics Order 2008
- Statement on Statistical Quality Guidelines for Official and National Statistics
- Statistics Customer Complaints Policy
- Anonymisation and pseudonymisation standard
- Caldicott principles
- Information Security Policy¹
- Data protection and confidentiality policy
- Information governance policy
- Physical Security Policy²

¹ This is an umbrella policy that references all related Information Security policies within our Information Security Management System (ISMS), and is aligned to ISO27001 and ISO27002.

² Not publically released.

Contact us

Feedback is important to us; we welcome any questions and comments relating to this document.

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