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Dear Chris

ASSESSMENT OF STATISTICS ON NHS OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK INDICATORS

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements in Assessment Report number 314: *NHS Outcomes Framework Indicators for England 2015*.

On behalf of the Board of the Statistics Authority, I have reviewed these on the advice of the Assessment team and I am pleased to confirm the designation of *NHS Outcomes Framework Indicators* as National Statistics. The Authority appreciates the very positive engagement between the statistical team in the Health and Social Care Information Centre and the Authority's Assessment team during the follow-up period. We particularly welcome the improvements in the data presentation and narrative provided alongside the statistics, giving insightful explanations of the main patterns. The Authority particularly commends the development of the *Indicator and Domain Summary Tables* which provide a clear picture of progress across the NHS Outcomes Framework.

It is a requirement of the *Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007* that compliance with the *Code of Practice* must be maintained. We would invite you to incorporate the attached text in publications containing the statistics. This text may only be used where National Statistics designation has been awarded following an Assessment Report. It is intended to convey a strong and independent endorsement for the statistical publication.

Please feel free to discuss any aspect of this with us at any time. I am copying this letter to John Pullinger, the National Statistician, and to Kingsley Manning and Chris Dew at HSCIC.

Yours sincerely



Ed Humpherson

Text that may only be used in publications that carry the National Statistics logo following assessment and designation:

NATIONAL STATISTICS STATUS

National Statistics status means that official statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and public value.

All official statistics should comply with all aspects of the *Code of Practice for Official Statistics*. They are awarded National Statistics status following an assessment by the Authority's regulatory arm.

The Authority considers whether the statistics meet the highest standards of Code compliance, including the value they add to public decisions and debate.

It is HSCIC's responsibility to maintain compliance with the standards expected of National Statistics. If we become concerned about whether these statistics are still meeting the appropriate standards, we will discuss any concerns with the Authority promptly. National Statistics status can be removed at any point when the highest standards are not maintained, and reinstated when standards are restored.

