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Dear Kate

**ASSESSMENT OF STATISTICS ON MANDATORY SURVEILLANCE OF HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS IN ENGLAND**

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements in Assessment Report number 302: *Mandatory Surveillance of Healthcare-Associated Infections in England*.

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 *Mandatory Surveillance of Healthcare-Associated Infections in England* as National Statistics. The Authority appreciates the positive engagement between the statistical team in Public Health England and the Authority's Assessment team during the follow-up period. We particularly welcome the improvements in user engagement, accessible data presentation and explanations about the quality of the statistics. Additionally, the Authority commends your response to its publication: *Administrative Data Quality Assurance Toolkit*<sup>1</sup> and we consider that your published *Data Quality Statement*<sup>2</sup> might serve as a helpful model for others.

National Statistics status means that official statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and value and is something to be celebrated. We invite you to include a statement alongside the statistics which reflects this status. You may wish to base your statement on the boilerplate text included in the assessment report.

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 John Davies and Russell Hope at PHE.

Yours sincerely



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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/monitoring/administrative-data-and-official-statistics/index.html>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/514147/Mandatory\\_HCAI\\_surveillance\\_data\\_quality\\_statement.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/514147/Mandatory_HCAI_surveillance_data_quality_statement.pdf)