

## **Annex B – Office for Statistics Regulation, Regulatory work April 2016 to November 2017**

This annex sets out published regulatory work carried out by the Office for Statistics Regulation, and its predecessor, the UK Statistics Authority's Monitoring and Assessment team, between April 2016 and November 2017. It is grouped by our twelve statistical themes, and covers our four main regulatory activities:

1. **Published casework:** Making public comment on the uses of official statistics, often based on complaints brought to our attention by others, but also celebrating when good standards of trustworthiness, quality and value are upheld.
2. **Assessment:** Assessing statistics against the Code of Practice for Official Statistics, and if they comply in full with the Code, designating them as National Statistics, indicating that they meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and value.
3. **Compliance Checks:** Shorter pieces of work than assessments, providing a high-level review of the extent to which the statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and public value.
4. **Systemic Reviews:** Reviewing and reporting on issues and opportunities that cut across the statistical system.

The status of each assessment is described in one (or more) of the following ways:

- Meeting requirements ongoing: assessment has been published, there are outstanding requirements which need to be addressed prior to NS designation
- NS status confirmed: statistic had NS status prior to the assessment, and did not lose it during the assessment, and has met the requirements set out in the assessment
- NS status awarded: statistics did not have NS status prior to assessment but has now met the requirements set out the assessment and hence has been badged an NS
- NS status re-awarded: NS status was removed during assessment and has now been reinstated
- NS status suspended: assessment led to temporary (short-term) removal of the badge, and there are outstanding actions required to re-award the badge
- NS status removed: assessment led to permanent removal of the badge (note: future work could see badge reinstated, but it's not currently planned or likely)
- NS status not awarded: producer and OSR agreed to close assessment without awarding the NS badge

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## Agriculture and Environment

### Published casework

- [Number of deaths associated with air pollution](#) – February 2017

### Compliance checks

- [Statistics on UK price, volume and composition of milk](#) – published July 2016, NS status of February 2015 and February 2016 releases removed
- [Milk Utilisation statistics](#) – temporary suspension of NS designation April 2017

## Business, Industry, Trade and Energy

### Published Casework

- [Data on UK Industry and the EU](#) – June 2016
- [Business Rates Revaluation](#) – March 2017

### Assessments

- UK Trade statistics – [report](#) published May 2015, [update](#) October 2016

## Children, Education and Skills

### Published casework

- [National Pupil Database](#) – April 2016
- [National Student Survey](#) – October 2016
- Department for Education tweets - November 2016, [11 November](#) and [22 November](#)
- [Statistics On Religious Free Schools](#) – December 2016
- [Student Awards Agency for Scotland statistics report](#) – December 2016
- [The use of pupil data collected through the school census](#) – February 2017
- [Assessment of the Teaching Excellence Framework](#) – February 2017
- [Access to UCAS statistics](#) – April 2017
- [National Achievement Rates Tables](#) – July 2017
- [Selective schools preference analysis](#) – July 2017
- [Release of rebrokerage data for academics by Department for Education](#) – September 2017
- [Comparison of free schools data in DFE press release](#) – September 2017

## Assessments

- Statistics for England on Schools, Pupils and their Characteristics, and on Absence and Exclusions – [report](#) published February 2017, [NS status confirmed](#) October 2017
- Unlawfully large infant class size statistics – [NS status suspended](#) March 2015, [NS status re-awarded](#) October 2017

## Compliance checks

- [Access to education attainment data](#) – July 2016
- [College Performance Indicators](#), Scottish Funding Council – October 2017
- Characteristics of Children in Need – [Temporary suspension of National Statistics designation](#) – November 2017

## Systemic Reviews

- [Innovation in Children, Education, and Skills Statistics](#) – ongoing

## Crime and Justice

### Published casework

- [Police grant](#) – July 2016
- [Statistics on homicide victims](#) – March 2017
- [Clarity of Government language on police funding levels](#) – September 2017
- [Crown Prosecution Service conviction statistics for cases flagged as potential rape cases](#) – October 2017

## Assessments

- Police statistics in England and Wales – [report](#) published June 2012, [NS status confirmed](#) May 2016
- Statistics on the operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 and other legislation – [report](#) published July 2014, NS status [confirmed](#) May 2016
- Statistics on Legal Aid in England and Wales – [report](#) published May 2016, [NS status confirmed](#) December 2016
- Statistics on Recorded Crime in Scotland – [report](#) published July 2014, [re-awarded](#) September 2016
- Drug seizures arrest statistics – [report](#) published June 2012 (Police Statistics in England and Wales Assessment Report), [NS status confirmed](#) October 2016

- Firearm and shotgun certificates in England and Wales statistics – [report](#) published June 2012 (Police Statistics in England and Wales Assessment Report), [NS status confirmed](#) December 2016
- Statistics arising from the Crime Survey for England and Wales – [report](#) published January 2014, [NS status confirmed](#) December 2016
- Statistics based on the homicide index – [report](#) published January 2014, [re-awarded](#) December 2016
- Scottish Crime and Justice Survey – [report](#) published July 2017, meeting requirements ongoing

## Monitoring and Systemic Reviews

- [Review of the public value of crime statistics in the UK](#) – April 2017
- OSR Crime and Justice Roundtable, Belfast: [Sharing information on crime statistics across the UK](#) – June 2017
- OSR Crime and Justice Roundtable, London: [Increasing value in crime and justice statistics in England and Wales through data sharing and linkage](#) – July 2017
- [Justice Statistics systemic review](#) – ongoing
- [International perspective on crime and justice statistics](#) – October 2017

## Culture & Identity

### Assessments

- Statistics on Freedom of Information: Implementation in Central Government – [report](#) published July 2016, National Statistics status [confirmed](#) June 2017

### Compliance checks

- Race Disparity Audit: [Statement of Compliance with the Code of Practice for Statistics](#) – October 2017

## Economy

### Published Casework

- [UK's financial contribution to the European Union](#) – May 2016
- [HM Treasury's use of the figure of the costs of coming out of the EU as being £4,300 per household](#) – May 2016
- [HM Treasury analysis: the long-term economic impact of EU membership and the alternatives -complaints about various aspects of HMT's study](#) – June 2016

- [Error in HMRC's Tax Receipts and National Insurance Contributions for the UK statistics](#) – July 2016
- [HMRC's migrants and tax credits statistics](#) – July 2016
- [Impacts of Business revaluations on MP's constituencies](#), data from DCLG- March 2017
- [Attack on GERS statistics and the independence of the statisticians](#) – March 2017
- [Response on quality of the Retail Price Index \(RPI\)](#) – September 2017
- [UK's financial contribution to the European Union](#) – September 2017

## Assessments

- Quarterly Sector Accounts – [report](#) published March 2017, meeting requirements ongoing
- Statistics on Regional Gross Value Added: Phase 1 – [report](#) published August 2017, meeting requirements ongoing
- Services Producer Price Indices – [report](#) published October 2014, [NS status confirmed](#) November 2016
- Annual and Quarterly National Accounts – [report](#) published February 2015, [NS status confirmed](#) October 2016
- Consumer Price Inflation including Owner Occupied Housing Costs – [report](#) published March 2016, [NS status re-awarded](#) July 2017
- Statistics on the Public Sector Finances – [report](#) published October 2015, [NS status confirmed](#) June 2017

## Health and Social Care

### Published casework

- [Extra spending on the NHS](#) – November 2016
- [NHS England trolley waits](#) – April 2017
- [NHS Scotland's Information Services Division \(ISD\) Delayed discharge statistics](#) – June 2017
- [Release of NHS Improvement data](#) – May 2017
- [NHS Accident and Emergency data](#) – June 2017
- Sources of evidence presented to pay review bodies: to [Dr Ben Dean](#) and to [Martin Williams](#) – July 2017
- [NHS Scotland's Information Services Division chronic pain waiting time statistics](#) – September 2017
- [Scottish Government and cancer waiting times statistics](#) – September 2017

## Assessments

- National Study of Health and Wellbeing in England: Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey – [report](#) published May 2016, [NS status confirmed](#) September 2016 (except Autism estimates, which have been designated Experimental Statistics)
- Patient Outcomes: NHS Outcomes Framework Indicators for England – [report](#) published October 2015, [NS status awarded](#) May 2016
- Patient Outcomes: Summary Hospital Level Mortality Indicator, SHMI – [report](#) published July 2015, [NS status awarded](#) August 2016
- Mandatory Surveillance of Healthcare-Associated Infections in England – [report](#) published May 2015, [NS status awarded](#) August 2016
- Statistics on Children’s and Young People’s Social Care for England – [report](#) published June 2014, [NS status awarded](#) August 2017 (last in series)
- Statistics on Public and Mental Health in Scotland – [report](#) published July 2013, [NS status confirmed](#) March 2017
- Statistics on NHS Waiting Times in Scotland – [report](#) published May 2013, [NS status confirmed](#) March 2017

## Compliance checks

- *Klebsiella* and *Pseudomonas* mandatory surveillance statistics – [published](#) June 2017, NS status awarded
- [Temporary suspension of NS designation for welsh social service publications](#) – November 2017
- [Removal of National Statistics designation of statistics on general ophthalmic services activity](#) – March 2017

## Monitoring and Systemic Reviews

- [Better Statistics, Better Decisions Health and Care Summit](#) held July 2016
- [Second Round table](#) convened December 2016
- [Third Round table](#) convened June 2017
- [Health and Social Care conference](#) held November 2017

## Housing, Planning and Local Services

### Published casework

- [Use of Statistics on DCLG’s Statutory Homelessness in England](#) – February 2017
- [DCLG’s use and measure of house building targets in England](#) – February 2017
- [Presentation of DCLG’s statistics on Rough Sleeping in England](#) – May 2016

## Assessments

- Statistics on Homelessness and Rough Sleeping in England – [report](#) published December 2015, [update](#) May 2016, meeting requirements ongoing
- Statistics from the Northern Ireland House Condition Survey – [report](#) published December 2016
- Northern Ireland House Conditions Survey 2016: Preliminary Report – [confirmation of NS status](#) March 2017, Northern Ireland House Conditions Survey 2016: Main Report – [meeting requirements ongoing](#)
- UK and Northern Ireland House Price Indices – [report](#) published November 2017

## Compliance checks

- Statistics from the National Survey for Wales – [confirmation of NS status](#) June 2017
- Homelessness Statistics in Wales – [NS status re-awarded](#) July 2017

## Systemic Reviews

- [Systemic Review of Statistics on Housing and Planning in the UK](#) – November 2017

## Labour Market & Welfare

### Published casework

- [Spending on disability benefits](#) – October 2017
- [Compliance rates of child maintenance schemes](#) – April 2017

## Assessments

- [Statistics on Outcomes of Work Capability Assessments](#) – report published November 2012, [NS status confirmed](#) March 2017
- National Insurance Numbers Allocated to Adult Overseas Nationals – [report](#) published January 2017, [NS status removed](#) January 2017
- Statistics on Household Income within Small Areas in England and Wales – [report](#) published May 2016, [NS status confirmed](#) October 2016
- Statistics on Winter Fuel Payments – [report](#) published December 2014, [NS status confirmed](#) September 2016

## Systemic Reviews

- Income and Earnings – [latest update](#) April 2017



- Statistics on JSA and ESA benefit sanctions – published [update](#) in June 2017

## Population

### Published casework

- [Migration Statistics](#) – April 2016
- [HMRC statistics on migrants and tax credits](#) – July 2016
- [NINO allocations to adult overseas nationals](#) – January 2017
- [Disclosure of Home Office migration statistics](#) – August 2017
- [Correction letter on migration statistics](#) – September 2017

### Assessments

- Population Estimates and Projections for Northern Ireland – [report](#) published July 2015, [NS status confirmed](#) August 2016
- Population Estimates and Projections for Wales – [report](#) July 2015, [NS status confirmed](#) October 2016
- Population Estimates and Projections for Scotland – [report](#) July 2015, [NS status confirmed](#) August 2016

### Compliance checks

- [The quality of the long-term student migration statistics](#) – July 2017
- The quality of Labour Force Survey estimates – [report](#) published in June 2017, [ONS response](#) published August 2017

### Monitoring and Systemic Reviews

- [Emerging information needs events](#): International migration, employment and business – October 2017, and International migration and service delivery – November 2017

## Security, Defence and International Relations

No published work.

## Travel, Transport and Tourism

### Assessments

- Northern Ireland Road Safety Strategy to 2020: Annual Statistical Report – [report](#) published May 2016, [NS status awarded](#) September 2016

- Statistics on Road freight – [report](#) published July 2016, [NS status re-awarded](#) December 2016
- Statistics on Northern Ireland Tourism – [report](#) published November 2016, [NS status awarded](#) June 2017
- Scottish Safety Cameras – [Closedown of assessment](#) – January 2017

### **Compliance checks**

- [Statistics on rail passenger numbers and crowding in England and Wales](#) – October 2017

### **Cross-cutting monitoring and systemic reviews**

[Data linkage system review](#) – ongoing

### **Notes**

Information about our unpublished casework can be found on the UK Statistics Authority's [Issues Log](#).