

REPORTING A BREACH OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS

1. Core Information

Title and link to statistical output	Psychological Therapies: reports on the use of IAPT services, England, January 2018 final, including reports on the IAPT pilots: https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/psychological-therapies-report-on-the-use-of-iapt-services/psychological-therapies-reports-on-the-use-of-iapt-services-england-jan-2018-final-including-reports-on-the-iapt-pilots Maternity Services Monthly Statistics - January 2018, Experimental statistics: https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/maternity-services-monthly-statistics/maternity-services-monthly-statistics-england---january-2018-experimental-statistics
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Link to published statement about the breach (if relevant)	N/A
Date of report	25.04.2018

2. Circumstances of breach

Relevant pillars, principles and practices	Trustworthiness/T3 Orderly release
Date of occurrence of breach	23.04.2018
<p>We have a new web publication system, which teams are using for the first time this week. Two publications undergoing review were accidentally approved to publish immediately on 23.04.2018, rather than on the pre-announced dates. Both publications were live for less than 15 minutes.</p> <p>The “<i>Psychological Therapies: reports on the use of IAPT services, England, January 2018 final, including reports on the IAPT pilots</i>” was published 2 days ahead of schedule (25.05.2018) and viewed 8 times and 0 downloads of files, and the “<i>Maternity Services Monthly Statistics - January 2018, Experimental statistics</i>” publication was published 3 days ahead of schedule (26.05.2018) and viewed 3 times and had 14 downloads. We have checked Google Analytics and the views and downloads are most likely to be the internal teams as they checked to see if the publications were live.</p>	

3. Impact of the breach

<p>It is highly unlikely that anyone external is/was aware of the breach, and internally this has resulted in increased awareness of the new processes required to publish and the risks in the new system that we have begun using.</p>
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4. Corrective actions (taken or planned) to prevent re-occurrence

Short term: As this breach is most likely a teething problem with a new system and process of publication, we have sent out further guidance and highlighted this breach to all staff in the analytics directorate to draw focus to the risk of early publication.

Longer term: we have raised a request with the system developers to add in pop-up warnings to the web publication system to make this kind of incident less likely to occur in future.