

REPORTING A BREACH OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR OFFICIAL STATISTICS

1. Core Information

Title and link to statistical output	Recorded Dementia Diagnoses - England, 2017-18 https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/recorded-dementia-diagnoses/2017-18
Name of statistical producer	NHS Digital
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Link to published statement about the breach (if relevant)	N/A
Date of report	20.06.2018

2. Circumstances of breach

Relevant pillars, principles and practices	Trustworthiness/T3 Orderly release
Date of occurrence of breach	23.04.2018
<p><i>Give an account of what has happened including roles of persons involved, dates, times etc</i></p> <p>The annual Recorded Dementia Diagnoses - England, 2017-18 was incorrectly recorded on the central publication planner used by all publication producing teams in NHS Digital as being released in July 2018, which was reflected on our external calendar. The team responsible always planned to release alongside the monthly release in June, but failed to notice the difference in release dates between the external calendar and central publication planner, and their production log used only within their team.</p> <p>As such, the report was released a month early.</p>	

3. Impact of the breach

<p><i>Provide details of the impact of the breach both inside the producer body and externally</i></p> <p>No new data was released as this annual publication is a view on the year-end statistics that were released in April 2018. The early release was highlighted to our key stakeholders in The Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England and they had no concerns over the early release.</p> <p>No negative feedback has been received in this regard.</p>

4. Corrective actions (taken or planned) to prevent re-occurrence

<p><i>Describe the short-term actions made to redress the situation and the longer-term changes to procedures etc.</i></p> <p>Short term: The publication has been left published as the information is ready and there is no breach due to release of previously unpublished data. The Statistics Release Calendar on gov.uk has been updated to show that the publication was released on 12 June.</p> <p>Longer term: The team have changed their internal production process to make sure all dates internally and externally align. The standard process in NHS Digital is for web and internal publication dates to be run from the central publication planner. The breach was caused by human error and this was the first time this has happened. This publication is planned to release in June next year.</p>
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