

# REPORT OF A BREACH OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR STATISTICS

## 1. Core Information [\[guidance\]](#)

<b>Title and link to statistical output</b>	NCMP trends in children's body mass index between 2006 to 2007 and 2017 to 2018: slide presentation <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/national-child-measurement-programme-ncmp-trends-in-child-bmi">https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/national-child-measurement-programme-ncmp-trends-in-child-bmi</a>
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<b>Link to published statement about the breach (if relevant)</b>	
<b>Date of breach report</b>	25/07/2019

## 2. Circumstances of breach [\[guidance\]](#)

<b>Relevant principle(s) and practice(s)</b>	Principle T3 – Orderly Release Practice T3.6 - statistics not released at the scheduled time of 09:30am (early or delayed publication)
<b>Date of occurrence of breach</b>	25/07/2019
<p>The slide presentation was added to 'Box' (a file sharing site used by Public Health England (PHE) to publish documents using file types that are not allowed to be published directly on the gov.uk site) at 09:30am on Thursday 25th July. The link to the document on Box on the gov.uk webpage did not open the report, instead it opened a sign-in page to Box. This problem was identified by the Public Health Project Officer and she notified the Principal Public Health Intelligence Analyst at 09:37am. She in turn attempted to contact colleagues in the digital/publishing team and at 10:01 emailed a new link to official statistics programme support who immediately made the change to the page on gov.uk. PHE digital team approval of the change took place at 11:57am. This took some time because further problems with the link to Box were identified, such that although the link worked on desktop, it was not accessible on mobile devices. The source of this problem took time to identify and fix.</p>	

## 3. Impact of the breach [\[guidance\]](#)

The document was not publically available via the pre-announced webpage on gov.uk until 11:57am. We did not receive any queries asking where the report was, so the impact of the breach was minimal.

## 4. Corrective actions (taken or planned) to prevent re-occurrence [\[guidance\]](#)

This particular report will be published in HTML format next year directly onto a gov.uk page set up with a release time of 09:30am on day of publication. HTML is the preferred format for publishing on gov.uk and is much more accessible to users. The statistics publishing team and digital team already liaise closely over official statistics releases, but we will look to strengthen that relationship further. In general, we will be looking to move away from third party providers of hosting, to producing commentary documents that can be hosted on gov.uk, either in HTML or other open formats.

