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Dear Julie

ASSESSMENT OF STATISTICS ON COMMUNITY HEALTH IN ENGLAND: AMBULANCE SERVICES

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements for the remaining output in Assessment Report number 159 on Statistics on Community Health in England, relating to *Ambulance Services*.

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 *Ambulance Services* as National Statistics. The Authority appreciates the very positive engagement between the statistical teams in HSCIC, NHS England and the Authority's Assessment team during the follow-up period. The range of improvements to the output and supporting documentation, particularly in relation to the quality of the ambulance services' data in the light of the Authority's guidance, *Quality Assurance of Administrative Data*, are commendable.

It is a requirement of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 that compliance with the Code of Practice must be maintained. We would invite you to incorporate the attached text in publications containing the statistics. This text may only be used where National Statistics designation has been awarded following an Assessment Report. It is intended to convey a strong and independent endorsement for the statistical publication.

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 Kingsley Manning, Andy Williams and Ian Thornber.

Yours sincerely



Ed Humpherson

Text that may only be used in publications that carry the National Statistics logo following assessment and designation:

The UK Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

Designation can be broadly interpreted to mean that the statistics:

- meet identified user needs;
- are well explained and readily accessible;
- are produced according to sound methods; and
- are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.

Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall continue to be observed.