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Dear David

ASSESSMENT OF STATISTICS ON ABORTIONS

The Board of the Statistics Authority was very pleased to note that the Statistics on Abortions reviewed in Assessment Report 176 were assessed as complying with the Code of Practice, without the need for any formal Requirements to be met.

It is a requirement of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 that the Code of Practice must continue to be complied with in relation to the statistics. 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.

I am copying this letter to Jil Matheson, the National Statistician, and to Chris Gibbins.

Yours sincerely



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

The United Kingdom 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.