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Dear Roger

**ASSESSMENT OF STATISTICS ON HOMICIDE, DOMESTIC ABUSE, FIREARM  
OFFENCES AND FIREARM CERTIFICATES RECORDED BY THE POLICE IN  
SCOTLAND**

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements for the remaining output in Assessment Report number 119 Statistics on Homicide, Domestic Abuse, Firearm Offences and Firearm Certificates Recorded by the Police in Scotland:

- *Domestic Abuse Recorded by the Police in Scotland*

On behalf of the Board of the Statistics Authority, the Assessment Committee has reviewed these on the advice of the Assessment team and I am pleased to confirm the designation of the output as National Statistics.

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.

Please feel free to discuss any aspect of this with us at any time. I am copying this letter to Jil Matheson, the National Statistician, and to Sandra Campbell.

Yours sincerely



Richard Alldritt

**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.