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Dear Guy

**ASSESSMENT OF STATISTICS ON HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN ENGLAND AND WALES**

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements in Assessment Report number 178 Statistics on Health Inequalities in England and Wales produced by the Office for National Statistics.

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 outputs as National Statistics. Designation of these statistics is based on the commitment from the Office for National Statistics to make further improvements to the commentary and information about quality within the reports, in line with the drafts shown to the Assessment team.

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 Jill Matheson, the National Statistician, and to Ole Black and Chris White.

Yours sincerely



Richard Laux

**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.