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Dear Glyn

**ASSESSMENT OF WELSH COMPENDIUM PUBLICATIONS**

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements for three of the remaining five outputs in Assessment Report number 219 Welsh Compendium Publications:

- *Health Statistics Wales*
- *Key Health Statistics for Wales*
- *Social Service Statistics Wales*

Of the remaining outputs in Assessment Report number 219, I understand that *Wales in Figures* is discontinued and that you have no current plans to publish a further release of *Health Trends in Wales*.

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 on the basis of the commitment that further work is planned by the Welsh Government to improve the links to comparable statistics in *Health Statistics Wales*.

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 Robin Jones.

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.