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Dear Norman

**ASSESSMENT OF STATISTICS ON CRIME AND JUSTICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

The Board of the Statistics Authority was pleased to see that two of the four outputs reviewed in Assessment Report number 237 on Statistics on Crime and Justice in Northern Ireland were assessed as complying with the Code of Practice:

- Experience of Crime; Findings from the Northern Ireland Crime Survey; and
- Perceptions of Crime; Findings from the Northern Ireland Crime Survey.

The remaining two outputs covered by the assessment are subject to the Department of Justice Northern Ireland implementing the enhancements listed in section 1.5 of the report.

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, Gareth Johnston and Robert Freel.

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.