
Director General for Regulation

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Dear David

ASSESSMENT OF STATISTICS ON POLICING

Thank you for the correspondence outlining the actions that have been taken to address the requirements in Assessment Report 217: *Police Statistics in England and Wales*.

On behalf of the Board of the Statistics Authority, I have reviewed these on the advice of the Assessment team and I am pleased to confirm the designation of *Police Powers and Procedures England and Wales* and *Police Workforce England and Wales* as National Statistics. The Authority appreciates that, while it has taken some time to meet the Requirements from the Assessment report, there has been a concerted effort to improve the statistics in recent months. I commend the statistical team's increasingly dynamic approach to engagement with users and with police forces, and the improvements that this approach has informed, including the additional published analyses and the strengthened quality assurance arrangements. I look forward to these assurance arrangements being further developed as these relationships build.

It is a requirement of the *Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007* that compliance with the *Code of Practice* must be maintained. 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 hope that we can move swiftly to a similarly positive outcome for the other sets of statistics assessed as part of Assessment Report 217, namely: *Drug Seizures* and *Firearm and Shotgun Certificates*. My assessment team is taking this forward with your statistical team.

Please feel free to discuss any aspect of this with us at any time. I am copying this letter to John Pullinger, the National Statistician, and to Mark Sedwill, Damon Wingfield and Chris McKee.

Yours sincerely



Ed Humpherson

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

NATIONAL STATISTICS STATUS

National Statistics status means that official statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and public value.

All official statistics should comply with all aspects of the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. They are awarded National Statistics status following an assessment by the Authority's regulatory arm.

The Authority considers whether the statistics meet the highest standards of Code compliance, including the value they add to public decisions and debate.

It is the Home Office's responsibility to maintain compliance with the standards expected of National Statistics. If we become concerned about whether these statistics are still meeting the appropriate standards, we will discuss any concerns with the Authority promptly. National Statistics status can be removed at any point when the highest standards are not maintained, and reinstated when standards are restored.

