

REPORT OF A BREACH OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR STATISTICS

1. Core Information

Title and link to statistical output	State-funded schools inspections and outcomes as at 31 March 2020 Link
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Link to published statement about the breach (if relevant)	
Date of breach report	30 June 2020

2. Circumstances of breach

Relevant principle(s) and practice(s)	Trustworthiness: T3.6 - Statistics should be released to all users at 9.30am on a weekday.
Date of occurrence of breach	30 June 2020
<p>Shortly after 09:30 on 30 June 2020, the Senior Analytical Officer for Schools checked the Ofsted website to ensure the Schools official statistics publication 'State-funded schools inspections and outcomes as at 31 March 2020' had been published. They found it had not and alerted Ofsted's external relations team. They were informed that the document had failed to automatically publish at 09:30. Ofsted's Communications team manually rectified the problem and the document was published shortly before 10:30.</p>	

3. Impact of the breach

<p>Access to the statistics was delayed by just under an hour. No public reaction to the delay in publication of the statistics has been identified.</p>
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4. Corrective actions (taken or planned) to prevent re-occurrence

<p>Short-term: the situation has been addressed and the statistics published. Ofsted Communications team have identified a problem with the automatic scheduler and are investigating why the publication did not go live as planned.</p> <p>Long-term changes: Discussions have been held with Ofsted's Divisional Director for Communications and External Relations to better understand what went wrong and how we can avoid future reoccurrences. We are working with other content producers to understand whether this is a system fault or a one-off. We plan to carry out manual checks for our next publication, as a back-up, to mitigate against any re-occurrence of this error.</p>
