

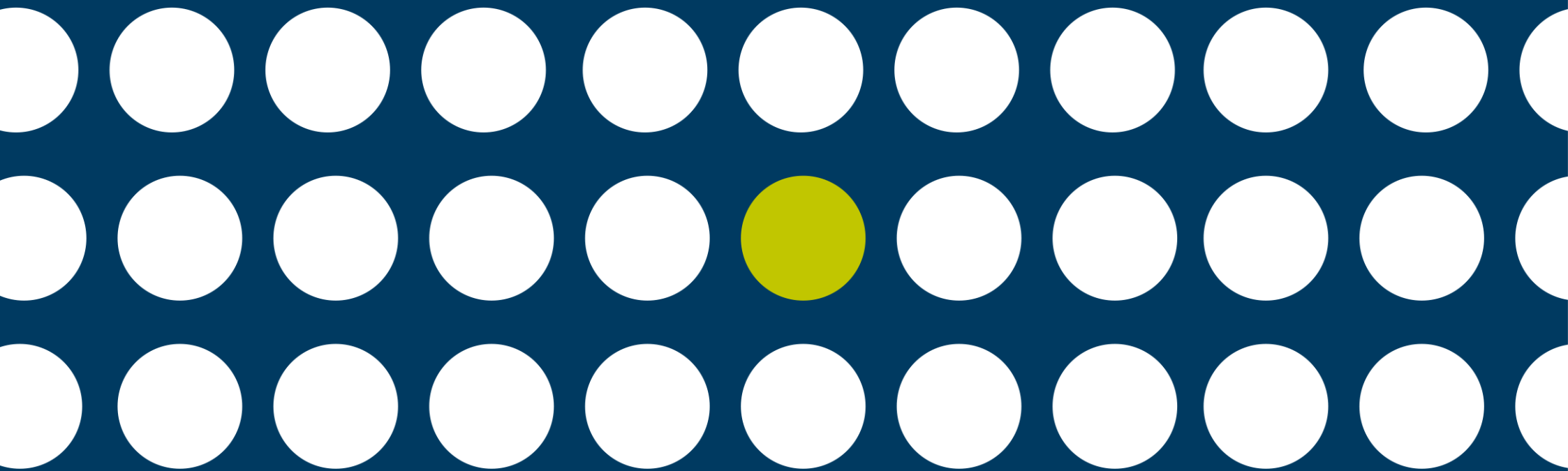
Candidate Pack

Committee Chair

*National Statistician's Expert User
Advisory Committee*



Office for
National Statistics



Thank you for your interest
in this position.

It is an **exciting** opportunity to
work with a **radical, ambitious,
inclusive and sustainable**
organisation.

Welcome

The National Statistician's Expert User Advisory Committee (NSEUAC) is a forum to provide strategic advice on how the National Statistician should best engage with all users to enable the UK Statistics Authority to use data in radical, ambitious, inclusive and sustainable ways as set out in the UK Statistics Authority strategy, Statistics for the Public Good.

NSEUAC was established in March 2022. It is a forum to provide advice to the National Statistician on a range of cross-cutting issues that go beyond the remit of any single one of our existing user or advisory groups.

Specifically, the Committee provides to the National Statistician on:

- how the UK statistical system can best maximise effective engagement with all users to enable the UK Statistics Authority and the wider system to use data in radical, ambitious, inclusive and sustainable ways as set out in the UK Statistics Authority strategy, Statistics for the Public Good
- strategic priorities and statistical activities, including identifying areas not being addressed by the statistical system
- promoting the value of official statistics to society
- helping UKSA, ONS and the UK statistical system to improve user engagement

The Chair of this committee will be pivotal in leading discussions, fostering collaboration among members, and presenting recommendations that reflect the collective expertise and perspectives of our users. This role offers the chance to shape the future of user engagement across the system of official statistics for our diverse user community, in line with the GSS User Engagement Strategy.

Candidates should demonstrate excellent leadership and strategic skills, as well as the ability to influence and communicate effectively with a wide range of people. Candidates must have a strong background as producers or users of official statistics.

Professor Sir Ian Diamond

National Statistician



Why ONS?

The Office for National Statistics (ONS)

At ONS, our people are our strength, and we aim to be a brilliant and inclusive employer to over 5,000 colleagues, who work flexibly across all our sites and in co-located teams.

We have people in offices in Edinburgh, London, Manchester, Newport (South Wales), Titchfield (Fareham) and in the Darlington Economic Campus, alongside other departments. We also have a large team of interviewers, who are based throughout the UK.



What do our people say about us?

'A brilliant place to work with a genuine focus on people and career development'

Ross, Macroeconomic Statistics and Analysis

'One of my favourite things about working in ONS is that it is packed with committed and inspiring people who genuinely care about the impact we have across the whole of society in the UK.'

Anne, Population and Public Policy

'A modern and flexible working environment with a focus on staff and culture'

Tom, Recruitment Services

Inclusion & Diversity



The Prince's
Responsible
Business Network

Race at Work Charter signatory



ONS is dedicated to creating an inclusive environment to attract and retain top talent from diverse backgrounds and we aim to foster a workplace where differences are celebrated and colleagues can be their authentic selves, aligning with our mission to produce statistics for the public good. We are proud of our progress recognised through many awards.

We provide modifications to the recruitment process for applicants with disabilities or long-term health conditions. We also offer accessible versions of recruitment documents upon request. Please contact the recruitment team to discuss either of these or to assist candidates with any part of the application process at scs.recruitment@ons.gov.uk or call us on 01633 455556.



Our Mission

“High quality data and analysis to **inform the UK, **improve lives** and **build the future.**”**

Official statistics are for the benefit of society and the economy generally. They allow the formulation of better public policy and the effective measurement of those policies; they inform the direction of economic and commercial activities; they provide valuable information for analysts, researchers, public and voluntary bodies; and they enable the public to hold to account all organisations that spend public money, thus informing democratic debate.

[UKSA Website](#)

About the Role

Committee Chair

National Statistician's Expert User Advisory Committee (NSEUAC)

Remuneration: Voluntary

Closing date: 21st April 2025

Background

To support him in his role, the National Statistician has created a set of advisory committees and panels to provide advice on a range of topics.

In March 2022, the National Statistician's Expert User Advisory Committee (NSEUAC) was established to provide the National Statistician with advice on a range of cross-cutting issues that extend beyond the remit of any single one of the existing user or advisory groups. As the existing membership is approaching its two-year tenure, we are seeking members for the next term of the committee.

Roles and responsibilities

NSEUAC will provide strategic advice and insights to the National Statistician in line with the Government Statistical Service (GSS) user engagement strategy and Code of Practice for Statistics, about how the UK statistical system can best maximise effective engagement with all users to enable the UK Statistics Authority and the wider system to use data in radical, ambitious, inclusive and sustainable ways as set out in the UK Statistics Authority strategy, Statistics for the Public Good.

The Committee will define its own agenda on subjects of interest that will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- helping UKSA, ONS and the UK statistical system to improve user engagement; discussing strategic priorities and statistical activities;
- promoting the value of official statistics to society; and
- identifying areas not being addressed by the statistical system.

Responsibilities

Reporting and governance

NSEUAC advises the National Statistician who is a member of the UK Statistics Authority Board.

Role specification

The Chair of NSEUAC will have the following key responsibilities:

- to provide strategic leadership of the Committee in order that it may effectively discharge its duties; and
- shaping committee discussions to encourage open debate, effective decision-making, and ensuring that all members have the opportunity to contribute their views.

Essential Criteria

- Strong background as producers or users of official statistics;
- Clear strategic skills, including the ability to analyse complex issues and to think clearly, strategically and laterally, extracting the essence of an argument from papers or presented evidence; and
- Good working knowledge of the use of official statistics and their uses and the UK statistical system.

The successful applicant will contribute sufficiently to Committee discussions such that it may effectively discharge its duties as set out in the terms of reference.

Further information

The Panel meet quarterly. at least four times each year.

The successful candidates will be appointed by the end of May, with their first meeting scheduled on 5 June. The other meeting dates for 2025 are:

- Wednesday 3 September 2025
- Wednesday 3 December 2025

NSEUAC meetings are usually virtual meetings, although the committee may, on occasion, meet in person with a venue provided in London for those attending.

The Chair will be appointed for a term of 3 years and may serve up to two consecutive terms (6 years), after which they must ordinarily step down for a specified period before being eligible to reapply.

.This position is non-remunerated. All reasonable travel and subsistence costs will be reimbursed.

Conflict of interest and consideration of reputational issues

Holders of public office are expected to adhere and uphold the [Seven Principles of Public Life](#) and the Code of Conduct for Board Members of Public Bodies. Before you apply you should consider carefully:

- any outside interests that you may have, such as shares you may hold in a company providing services to government or which could be affected by access to market sensitive statistics;
- any possible reputational issues arising from your past actions or public statements that you have made;
- and/or - any political roles you hold or political campaigns you have supported;

which may call into question your ability to do the role you are applying for.

Many conflicts of interest can be satisfactorily resolved and declaring a potential conflict does not prevent you from being considered. If you are shortlisted, we will discuss any interests that would be likely to conflict with their responsibilities as Chair of the Panel, including any proposals you may have to mitigate them. Please declare any potential conflict of interest as early as possible in the selection process and disclose information or personal connections that might, if successful, be open to misperception

Details of declared political activity will be published when the appointment is announced, as required by the Governance Code (political activity is not a bar to appointment, but must be declared).

Recruitment Timetable



Vacancy live

2nd April 2025

Closing date

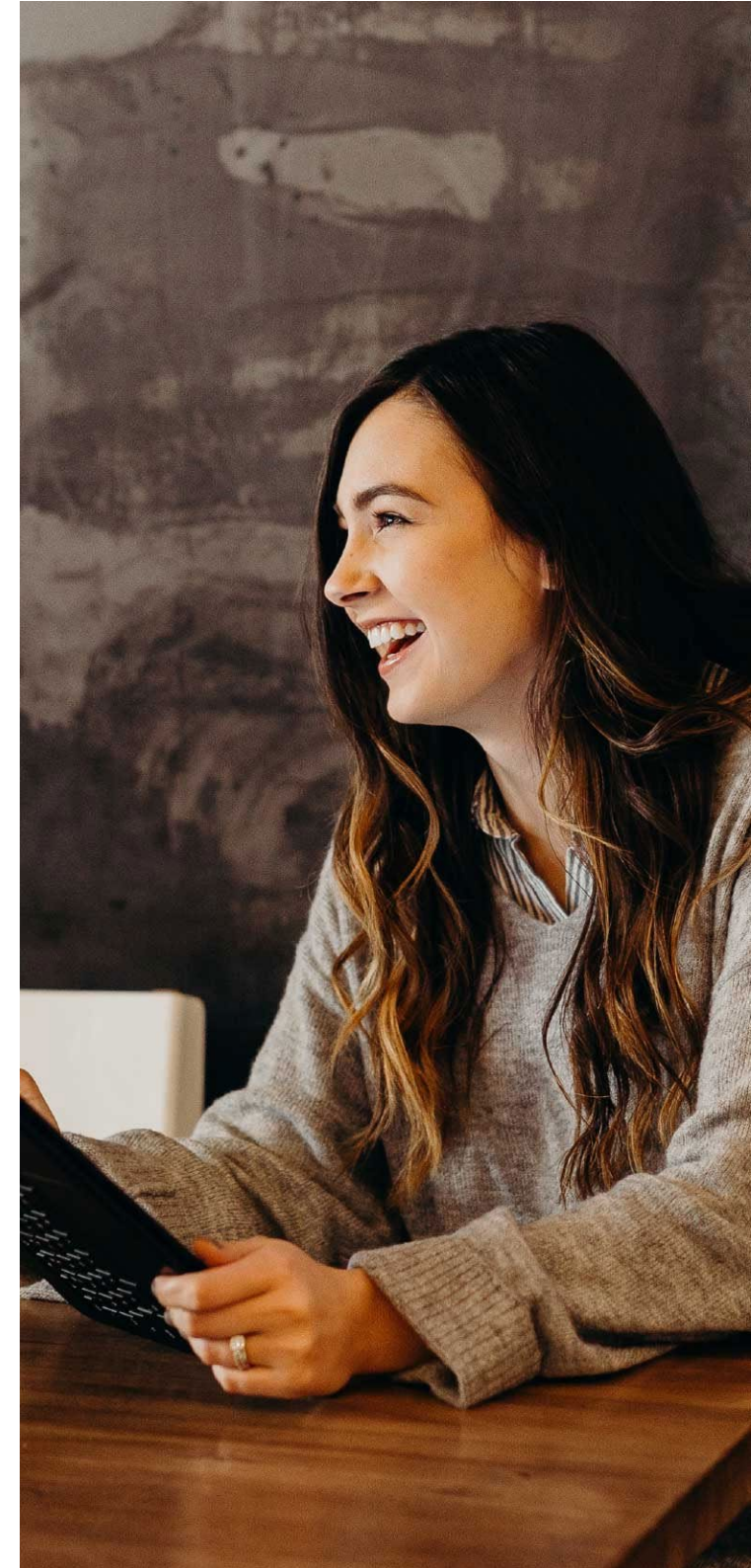
23:55pm on 21st April 2025

Informal Conversations

8th May 2025

Chair appointed

June 2025



Selection Approach

Applications should include:

1. A **covering letter** explaining why this post interests you and how you meet the essential criteria as detailed on page 8 of this candidate pack using examples to demonstrate how you meet the general and specific requirements.
Your covering letter should be no longer than one side of A4.
2. A **curriculum vitae** which includes:
 - Details of education and professional qualifications
 - Full employment history
 - Relevant achievements in recent posts

Please send your completed application to SCS.recruitment@ons.gov.uk with your CV and statement as attachments.

Applications will be sifted following the closing date and shortlisted candidates will be invited for an informal discussion aligned to their experience and the essential criteria. Conversations will be with the National Statistician and other panel members.

If you are unsure that you meet the eligibility required, please contact scs.recruitment@ons.gov.uk before applying.

Contact

**Thank you for your
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Please send your completed application to SCS.recruitment@ons.gov.uk

If you have any questions, please get in touch:

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