

Kevin Stewart MSP  
Member for Aberdeen Central  
(via email)

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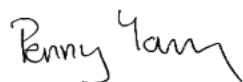
Dear Mr Stewart,

Thank you for your letter of 20 November regarding a social media [post and video](#) shared on X.com by Michael Shanks MP about waiting lists in Scotland.

The UK Statistics Authority, through its regulatory arm the [Office for Statistics Regulation \(OSR\)](#), has investigated this issue and I have today written to Mr Shanks to share OSR's conclusions and our broader expectations about the use of statistics in public debate.

I would like to thank you for bringing this issue to our attention.

Yours sincerely,



**Penny Young**  
**Deputy Chair**