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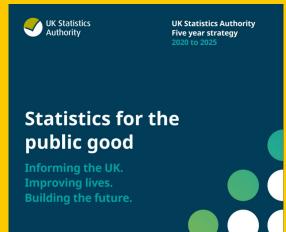
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Our ambition

To be recognised leaders in the practical application of data ethics for statistics and research.

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Why is ethics important?



Reduce potential harm to all individuals involved in research.



Key factor in maintaining public acceptability around the collection and use of public information.



Enables researchers to access and harness data that supports the production of statistics for the public good.

Ethical Principles

The use of data has clear benefits for users and **Public Good** serves the public good. Confidentiality, data security The risks and limits of new technologies are considered and Methods and there is sufficient human oversight so that methods employed Quality are consistent with recognised standards of integrity and quality. Data used and methods employed are consistent with legal Legal requirements such as Data Protection Legislation, the Human Rights Act 1998, the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007, Compliance public equalities duty and the common law duty of confidence. Public views & The views of the public are considered in light of the data used and the perceived benefits of the research. engagement The access, use and sharing of data is **transparent**, and is Transparency communicated clearly and accessibly to the public.

Self-Assessment Tool

The self-assessment tool consists of 3 main sections for a researcher to complete:

- 1) Basic information
- 2) Weightings
- 3) Item scoring scales

We want to hear **your feedback on the self-assessment tool**.
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National Statistician's Data Ethics Advisory

Committee



Project	Organisation
Student Suicide Statistics	ONS
Investigating vulnerabilities linked to serious youth violence using linked DfE & MoJ data	DfE & MoJ
COVID-19 Infection Survey	ONS & University of Oxford
Vulnerable Persons and Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme	ONS & Home Office
Measurement of Vulnerability of Children and Young People in England	Alma Economics (commissioned by the Children's Commissioner for England)

Our future plans for data ethics support



Continue to develop the self-assessment tool and guidance and provide independent expert ethical advice through NSDEC.



New online ethics training for the research and statistical community across Government, academia and the commercial sector.



A new ethics user support service for the research and statistics community to provide ethics advice at the research design phase.



Publish **new guidance on cross cutting ethical issues** in research and statistics.

Leadership of an international ethics work programme



Review of international ethical best practice.



Lead the development of international data ethics standards for research and statistics.



Work with other NSI's to consider and enable the application of ethical principles across different contexts.

These activities will be delivered by the **UKSA data ethics** team and guided by:

- ✓ An independent Advisory Committee
- ✓ Engagement with international and domestic stakeholders
- ✓ Engagement with **user groups** in the research and statistical community

What next?

User review

 We need your feedback on the user self-assessment tool! https://s.surveyplanet.com/YrL1hqV51

Landscape review

 We have published an initial landscape review of data ethics guidance and support in the UK.

Geo-location guidance

• We are currently collaborating with others to develop user guidance on the ethics of geo-location data.

Contact us: Data.ethics@statistics.gov.uk

Or visit our website:

https://uksa.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/data-ethics/