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*Dear Sir Michael,*

**STATISTICS AND REGISTRATION SERVICE ACT 2007:  
NOTIFICATION IN RELATION TO STATISTICS ON  
SUBSTANCE MISUSE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE AND  
STATISTICS FROM THE NATIONAL ALCOHOL TREATMENT  
MONITORING SYSTEM PRODUCED BY THE NATIONAL  
TREATMENT AGENCY FOR SUBSTANCE MISUSE**

Thank you for your letter of 3 November.

I have noted the findings of your assessment report on drug treatment statistics with interest and fully support the work that my Statistics Head of Profession is taking forward with officials in the National Treatment Agency to meet the requirements.


In response to the notification given under section 16 of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007, I can confirm that I intend to make requests for assessment of the statistics on substance misuse treatment for young people and alcohol treatment for adults. These statistics are an important source of information for a range of people and we should work towards their designation as National Statistics.

My Statistics Head of Profession has advised me that these statistics are not yet fully compliant with the Official Statistics Code of Practice and that it is necessary to apply the lessons learned from your recent re-assessment of the statistics on drug treatment. On her advice, I intend to

submit the request in February 2013, following publication of the annual reports on young people in December 2012 and alcohol in February 2013.

I look forward to seeing the outcome of the assessment.

I am laying this statement before Parliament pursuant to Section 16(3) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007.

*Yours truly,*  


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