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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 9 July, suggesting that the Statistics Authority reconsider the designation of your forthcoming 'Outcomes' bulletin. This was a timely and welcome letter.

Reflecting the move to the new Outcomes framework, and also the possibility that Detections/Outcomes data are affected by similar issues to those that led to the de-designation of Police Recorded Crime statistics earlier this year, the Authority considers that it would be appropriate to publish the forthcoming Outcomes bulletin as Official Statistics, rather than National Statistics. I suggest that you provide a link to this correspondence by way of explanation.

We welcome your commitment to develop this statistical publication, informed both by users' needs and information and intelligence about the quality of the underlying data. As you suggest there may well be merit in assessing the Outcome statistics alongside a re-assessment of the police recorded crime statistics. And we would like you to keep us informed of your progress as you develop the statistics.

Yours sincerely



Ed Humpherson

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The UK Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

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- meet identified user needs;
- are well explained and readily accessible;
- are produced according to sound methods; and
- are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.

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