

A refreshed Code of Practice for Statistics: UK focus groups Jan-March 2017

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Background

2009: Code of Practice for Official Statistics first published



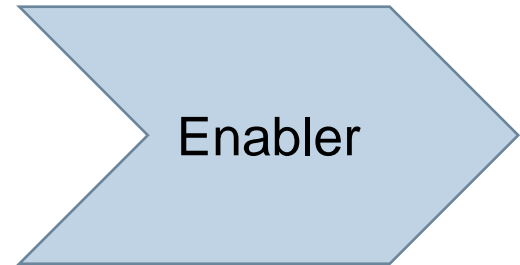
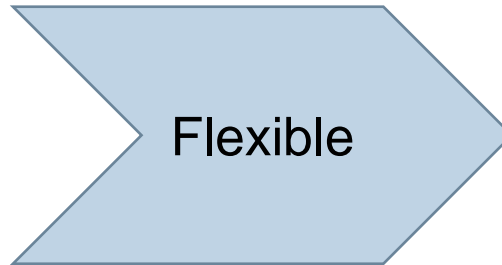
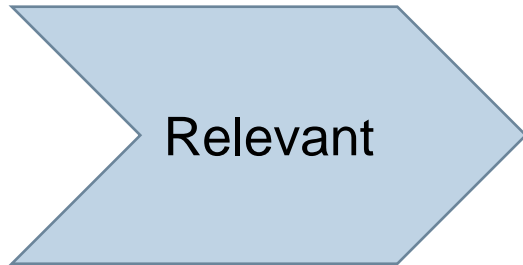
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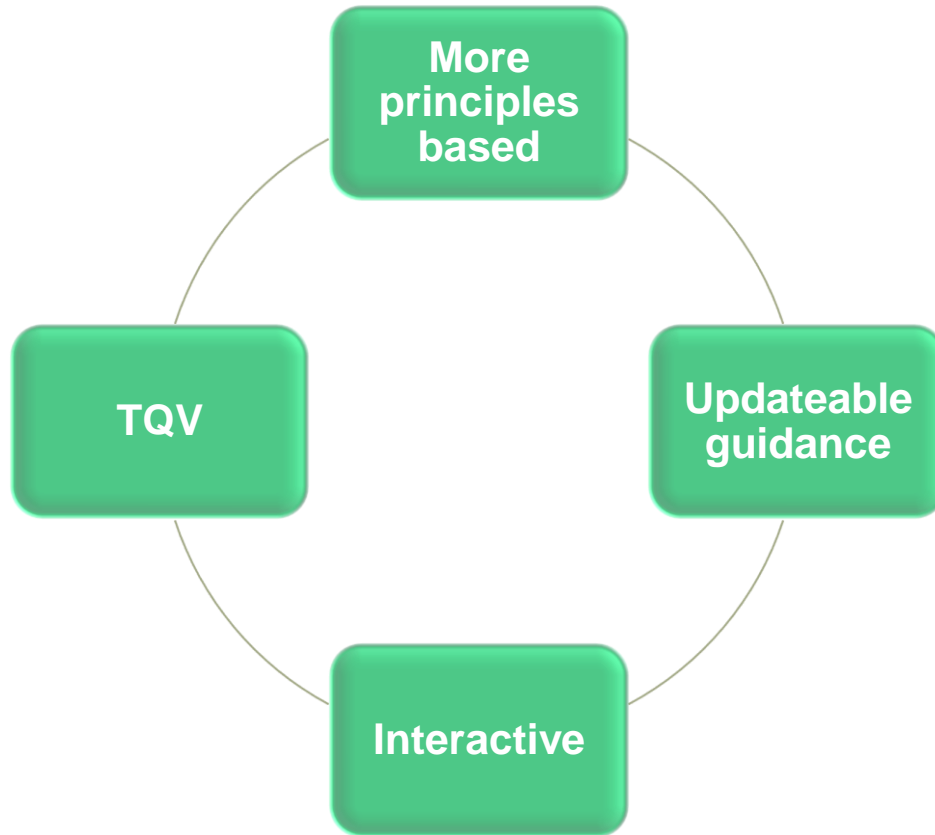
December 2016: Code of Practice Stocktake report published

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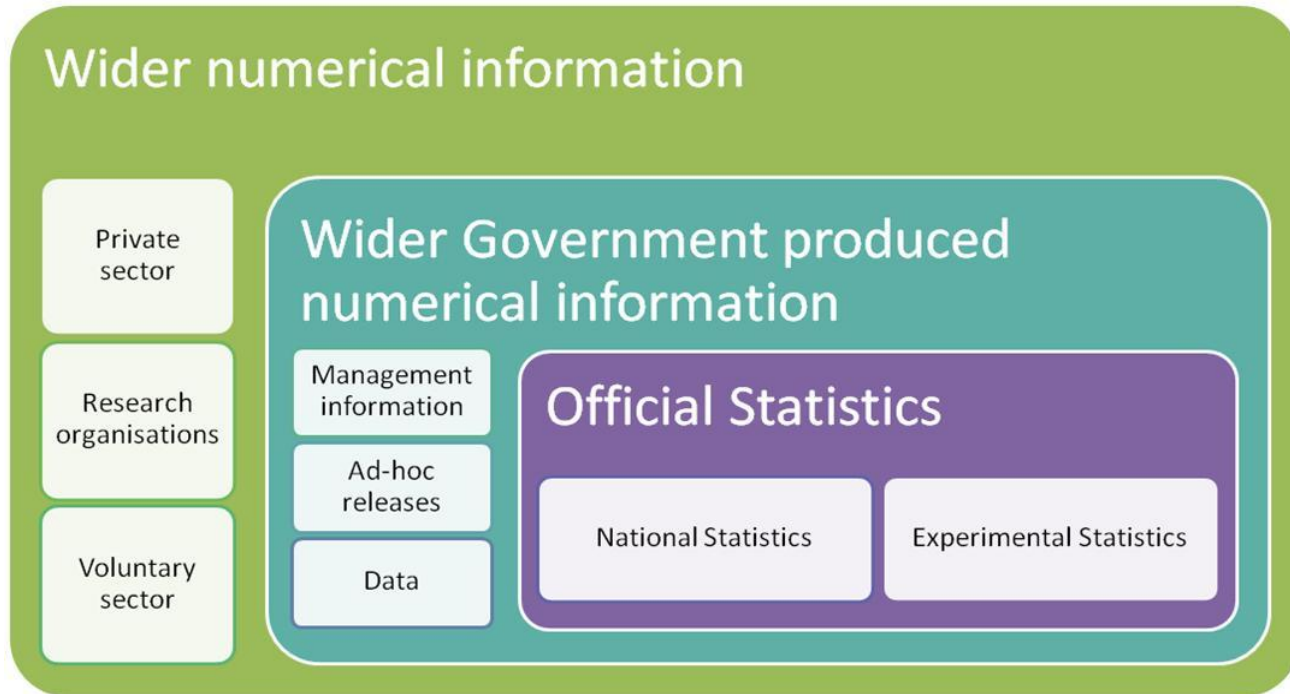
Vision for a refreshed Code proposed in the Code Stocktake report, building on the strengths of the existing Code



Content of the refreshed Code



Our scope is official statistics. Our reach is wider



National Statistics estate: the concept of 'Families' and 'shelf-life'

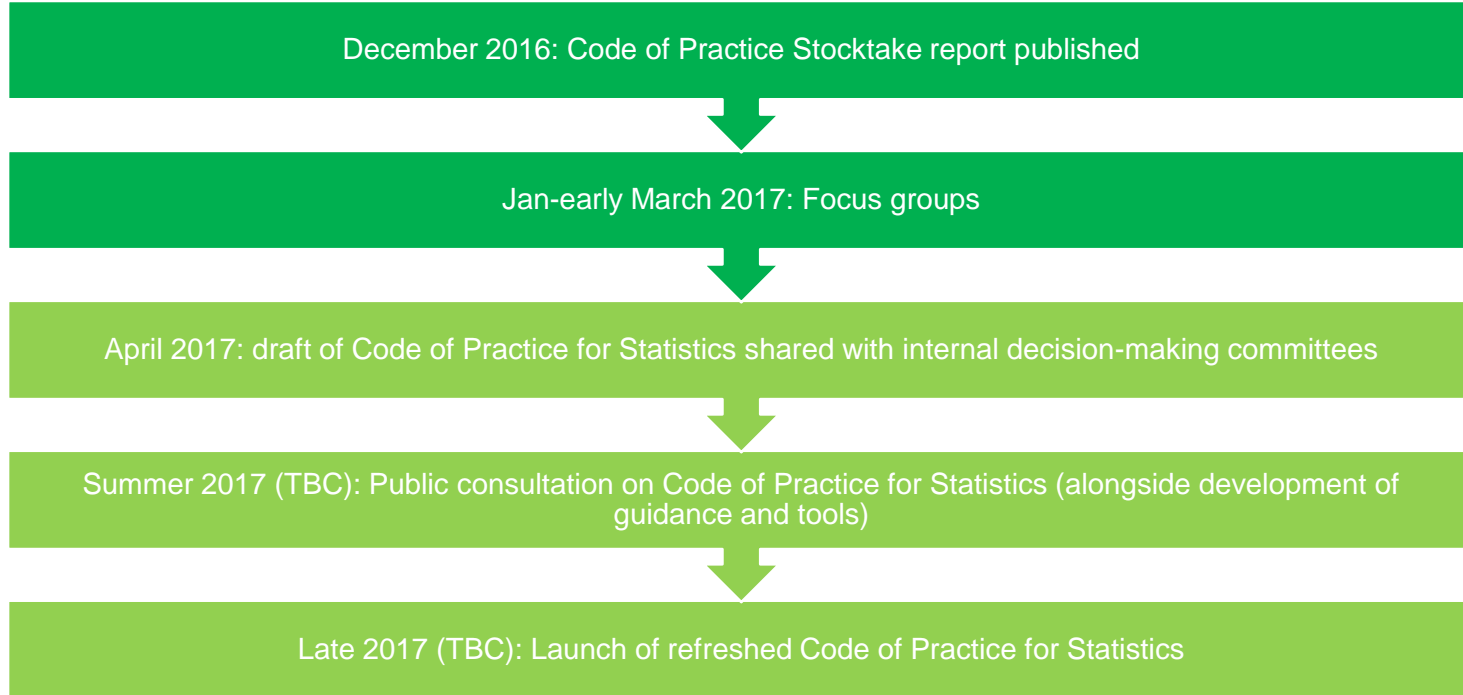
- There are now about 800 sets of National Statistics (NS)
- Many sets of statistics have been designated as NS for several years, and are unlikely to be re-assessed
- There are two potential areas we are exploring around this:
 - 'Families' of statistics
 - 'Shelf-life' for the NS designation

Focus group agenda

Introduction	
Exercise 1	a) Creative thinking exercise b) Initial thinking about Code principles
Exercise 2	Structuring and presenting the Code
Exercise 3	Guidance
Break (15 mins)	
Exercise 4	Wider numerical information
Exercise 5	Other comments (including accessibility of the Code)
Concluding remarks	

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Timeline and next steps



Note: these timelines are only indicative and as at Jan-March 2017