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Dear Kate

**National Statistics status – Klebsiella and Pseudomonas Mandatory Surveillance statistics**

Thank you for considering the meaning of the National Statistics designation in the light of the inclusion of data on Klebsiella and Pseudomonas to the Mandatory Surveillance<sup>1</sup> statistics, and for inviting us to review the changes and confirm the designation.

I welcome you and your team's engagement with stakeholders as you have undertaken the changes to the statistics. Your desire to publish the expanded information transparently as National Statistics is a clear demonstration of your wish to meet users' needs in this important area of public health policy. I am also pleased with the way that your team has helpfully assisted with this review by providing timely and targeted links to material for us to review, and being proactive in responding to our queries.

I am reassured that the rigorous process for collecting complete, good quality data that you already receive from your data suppliers for the existing Mandatory Surveillance collection will continue for these new data. This will allow your team to apply the comprehensive quality assurance to the new data and will, in turn, enable you to produce the expanded statistics to the same quality as the existing ones and to fully explain the strengths and limitations of the new data to your data users.

On the basis of the evidence presented, I am pleased to confirm the designation, as National Statistics, of the Mandatory Surveillance statistics about Klebsiella and Pseudomonas published by Public Health England.

Yours sincerely



Ed Humpherson

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/mrsa-mssa-and-e-coli-bacteraemia-and-c-difficile-infection-quarterly-epidemiological-commentary>

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National Statistics status means that official statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and public value.

All official statistics should comply with all aspects of the *Code of Practice for Official Statistics*. They are awarded National Statistics status following an assessment by the Office for Statistics Regulation. The Office for Statistics Regulation considers whether the statistics meet the highest standards of Code compliance, including the value they add to public decisions and debate.

It is Public Health England's responsibility to maintain compliance with the standards expected of National Statistics. If we become concerned about whether these statistics are still meeting the appropriate standards, we will discuss any concerns with the Office for Statistics Regulation. National Statistics status can be removed at any point when the highest standards are not maintained, and reinstated when standards are restored.

