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Dear Glyn

National Statistics designation of Homelessness Statistics in Wales

Thank you for providing evidence demonstrating the actions that you have taken to restore the quality of your statistics on homelessness in Wales following you raising concerns about their quality with me last year.

I welcome the positive and constructive attitude of your team to improve the quality these statistics. Their active engagement with Welsh local authorities during the transition period following the changes to homelessness legislation in Wales, and the considerable effort that the team has made to assure the quality of the 2016/17 estimates is commendable. I am also reassured by the team's plans to further develop these relationships through direct engagement with the Welsh Local Government Association and policy colleagues, to further enhance quality and best practice. The publication of the new Quality Report will also enhance users' understanding of the quality of the statistics and allow them to get the best value from them.

On the basis of the evidence that we have seen, I am pleased to restore the National Statistics designation of your statistics on homelessness in Wales. National Statistics status means that official statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and value and is something to be celebrated. We invite you to include a statement alongside the statistics which reflects this status.

Please feel free to discuss any aspect of this with us at any time. I am copying this letter to Luned Jones and John Pullinger, the National Statistician.

Yours sincerely



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