



Office for
Statistics Regulation

Putting users at the heart of health and social care statistics

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Statistics are a public good

Our purpose is to improve statistics to help people make decisions

“We are surrounded by evidence of people searching for evidence and truth”

Tracey Brown, Sense about Science

Users are crucial

- The user voice is key to help:
 - drive improvements to statistics
 - ensure the usability of statistics
 - create new statistics

This conference provides an opportunity to:

- Hear from producers on their progress
- Pose questions and give feedback
- Help shape future plans
- Develop working relationships
- Learn from each other

Why this matters to the Office for Statistics Regulation

The Office for Statistics Regulation

- The regulatory arm of the UK Statistics Authority
- Code of Practice
- National Statistics
- Presentation and use of statistics
- Champions of relevant statistics in a changing world

Our core principles on the value of statistics

Statistics must be **equally available to all** and not released partially to selected audiences

Statistics should help to clearly **answer society's important questions**

Producers should understand and promote the **variety of uses** and potential uses of statistics

Statistics need to continue to **evolve to remain relevant** in a changing world

Statistics should be produced from data which have been **compiled in an efficient way**

Our work with health and care statistics

- We:
 - reported on statistics on patient outcomes in 2014
 - organised our first health statistics user and producer event in July 2016
 - convened 3 strategic Round Tables

This conference brings users and producers together

Outline of the day

- Session 1 – What changes to statistics have users appreciated?
- Session 2 – What key questions still need to be answered?
- Lunch
- Key note address – Professor Sir David Spiegelhalter
- Session 3 – plenary Panel discussion
- Closing remarks – Iain Bell

Next speakers

- **John Morris** from the Welsh Government

(the work of the Four Nations Statistics Group)

- **Abigail Self** from ONS

(the work of the English Health Statistics Steering Group)