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Dear Ed,

Thank you for your letter of 28th March 2018 regarding the National Statistics status of Scotland's Accident and Emergency (A&E) Waiting Times Statistics.

I note your request to respond within the next 3 months and I will liaise with your team over that period as we complete our work to address each of the requirements you have set out.

I am pleased that you note in your letter that you are reassured of ISD's commitment to meeting the high standards of the Code of Practice for Statistics. We take compliance with the Code of Practice very seriously and our waiting times team have already taken additional steps to improve the quality assurance of the A&E waiting times data. The team have also been working closely with staff in NHS Lothian who are also committed to ensuring ISD receives accurate A&E waiting times data for our statistical publications.

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your sincerely,



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