

# OFFICE FOR STATISTICS REGULATION

2018/19 Regulatory Work Programme



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## Introduction

This document sets out our priorities for the 2018/19 regulatory work programme, and can be read together with our [business plan](#) which sets out our broader strategy.

This work programme does not reflect all aspects of the work that we will undertake. It focuses on our regulatory activity. For example, following on from a major period of engagement, in February 2018 we published an update to the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#). A key focus for us next year will be working with producers and users to embed the Code and extend its reach. We will also be building on the [review of our first year](#) which we published in December 2017. Details of these other projects are set out in our published Business Plan. We also say more there about our ongoing public ‘casework’ interventions in response to immediate public concerns.

You will see that some projects have been carried forward from 2017/18. In some instances, this is because developments in the production of the statistics or the context in which they were used meant the timing was no longer appropriate. In other cases, other priorities emerged and we had to make a judgement about the best use of our resources. In all cases, we still believe the projects have strong merits and so they remain on our work programme.

## How we have arrived at our priorities

In restating the [purpose and values of the Office for Statistics Regulation](#) in November 2016, we expressed our ambition to focus increasingly on the public value and quality of statistics. This ambition continues to influence our priorities. Over our first year of operation, our Domain Leads have been building intelligence and stakeholder networks around specific domains like the economy and health and social care. Working with them, and reflecting on the findings from our [review of our first year](#), we identified priorities for our work programme within the context of: our overall purpose; our focus on statistics on key areas of public interest; and our ambition that statistics must help people answer the questions they have. In making our judgements we also applied the three criteria shown below. We then consulted widely on the proposed priorities in early 2018.

### Criteria

- The project has the potential to make a strong contribution to pushing forward our strategic drivers:
  - Improve the value provided by statistics
  - Enhance compliance with the highest standards of Trustworthiness, Quality and Value
  - Use our voice to stand up for statistics
  - Adapt our regulatory model to a data-rich world
  
- The aims of the project would be strongly and clearly rooted in delivering on one or more dimensions of Trustworthiness, Quality, and Value:
  - Trustworthy – they have been prepared by professionally-independent statisticians, free from political pressure
  - High quality – they are produced using sound methods and based on reliable sources
  - Valuable – they provide insight, support decision-making and inform debate.
  
- The project outcomes are worthy of the level of investment of resource that the proposed choice and scale of regulatory tool indicates

This work programme has been finalised following consideration of all responses to our consultation. Thank you very much to everyone who took time to contact us.

As communicated at the time of the consultation, we have not fully committed our resources for 2018/19 from the start of the year. We have allowed scope to take on new work in-year to respond to emerging issues. Intelligence gathered from the consultation exercise, and from ongoing engagement, will continue to inform our planning.

We anticipate that compliance checks will lead to a decision to assess in a number of instances. We have resourced for approximately five further assessments to start in 2018/19 and anticipate at least one of these will be in each of: Business, Industry, Trade and Energy; Children, Education and Skills; and Crime and Justice.

Some of the assessments listed have been discussed with officials from the relevant departments, but remain subject to formal ministerial approval.

The work programme is organised by statistical domain and sets out the broad schedule for our activities.

Our tools	Purpose	Description	Producer input	Output/ Outcome
Compliance Checks	Review compliance with the Code of Practice for Statistics – often focused on specific principles. Make a judgement on whether National Statistics status should continue.	This is a flexible tool which allows OSR to respond to specific issues quickly and extends our view across the statistical system. It can focus on specific principles or act as a preliminary investigation to consider whether a full assessment is needed.	No preparation from the producer is expected and the review is intended to be undertaken with minimal disruption to the producer organisation. There are likely to be some recommendations to consider after the compliance check.	OSR will write to producers setting out the outcome and highlighting strengths and weaknesses of the statistics. There are four possible outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- removal of National Statistics status (de-designation);</li> <li>- follow up with full assessment;</li> <li>- recommendations to producer; or</li> <li>- no follow-up necessary.</li> </ul> Compliance checks do not lead to new National Statistics designations.
Assessments	Determine whether a set of statistics meet the criteria to become (or remain) National Statistics.	We assess (or re-assess) sets of statistics against the Code of Practice for Statistics. Phase 1 is the assessment and publication of the Assessment Report. Phase 2 is the follow up on any Requirements with the producers of the statistics.	Where possible producers are involved in agreeing the assessment timetable and will have input throughout the assessment. OSR works with producers to agree an action plan to address any requirements.	Designation (or de-designation) as National Statistics. Usually accompanied by a set of requirements to ensure statistics meet National Statistics standards. OSR will produce an Assessment Report and write a letter to the producer. There will also be a follow up letter once all requirements have been met.
Systemic Reviews	Address issues that span across different producers to ensure statistics have high public value and meet user needs.	These will always cover multiple sets of statistics, and can be specific to a domain or cut across domains. Projects will involve considerable engagement with users and often include events to support change.	Producers will be consulted as part of any review process and we often bring together statistics producers and users to support improvement. This could be small expert round tables or large summits.	We will always report publicly on the findings of systemic reviews (Phase 1) and will usually include broad recommendations targeted at the statistics system and write letters to producers. We may produce a standard report, but might also report in other ways e.g. through meeting notes or blogs. Phase 2 follows up on recommendations.
Casework (not covered by this programme)	Reduce the misuse of official statistics.	We investigate and form a judgement on the use of official statistics, on a case by case basis, often based on complaints, but also celebrating good practice.	Producers may be asked questions about their statistics to support OSR reach our judgement.	Public comment on the use of statistics, most commonly through letters to relevant organisations or individuals, some of which are published on the Authority's website.

Domain	Estimated project will commence:	Project	Geographical Coverage	Type	
<b>Agriculture and Environment</b>	Our main priority for 2018/19 is to better understand the <b>baseline of agriculture and environment</b> statistics in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. This baseline review is essential as the UK prepares to <b>leave the European Union</b> , which will permit a rethink of the statistics society needs in this area. We will also look at the quality and public value of statistics on <b>natural capital</b> .				
	<b>Improve the value provided by statistics</b>				
	Second half of 2018/19	A systemic review of statistics on natural capital. This project would examine the quality and value of statistics on measuring the value of physical natural resources to the economy. It would focus on the range of data sources and methods used to produce the estimates, the key questions that users want answers to in this area, and whether existing statistics allow them to address those questions.		UK	Systemic Review
	<b>Enhance compliance with the highest standards of Trustworthiness, Quality and Value</b>				
	First half of 2018/19	Final Results of June Agricultural Census (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)		NI	Compliance Check
	First half of 2018/19	Results of the December Agricultural Survey (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)		NI	Compliance Check
	First half of 2018/19	Statistical Review of Northern Ireland Agriculture (Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs)		NI	Compliance Check
First half of 2018/19	Survey of Agriculture and Horticulture (Welsh Government)		Wales	Compliance Check	

	First half of 2018/19	Welsh Agricultural Statistics (Welsh Government)	Wales	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	Air Quality Statistics in the UK and Emissions of Air Pollutants in the UK statistics (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs)	UK	Assessment
	Second half of 2018/19	UK Sea Fisheries statistics (Marine Management Organisation)	UK	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	Scottish Sea Fisheries statistics (Scottish Government)	Scotland	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	Results from the June Agricultural Census (Scottish Government)	Scotland	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	Results from the December Agricultural Survey (Scottish Government)	Scotland	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	Agriculture Facts and Figures (Scottish Government)	Scotland	Compliance Check
<b>Business, Industry, Trade and Energy</b>	<p>Through the last two years much of our work has been driven by the assessments of Office for National Statistics' de-designated <b>construction</b> and <b>trade</b> National Statistics. As these assessments are now moving closer to completion, it allows us the opportunity to focus on other aspects of industrial performance, in line with the <b>industrial strategy</b>. This includes <b>innovation</b>, and we will be examining the coherence of Gross Domestic Expenditure on Research and Development and related tax credits. We will also be maintaining a watching brief on how statisticians are responding to the UK's <b>departure from the European Union</b>. Our evaluation of Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy' statistics covering the supply and consumption of energy and the associated emissions measurements is already underway.</p>			
	<p><b>Enhance compliance with the highest standards of Trustworthiness, Quality and Value</b></p>			

	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 2	Construction Output, New Orders and Prices (Office for National Statistics)	GB	Assessment
	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 2	UK Trade (Office for National Statistics)	UK	Assessment
	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 1	Digest of UK Energy Statistics (DUKES) (Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy)	UK	Compliance Check
	First half of 2018/18	Annual Purchases Survey (Office for National Statistics)	UK	Assessment
	First half of 2018/19	International Trade in Services (Office for National Statistics)	UK	Compliance Check
	First half of 2018/19	Business Investment (Office for National Statistics): carried forward from 2017/18 programme	UK	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	Capital Stocks (Office for National Statistics)	UK	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	UK Gross Domestic Expenditure on Research and Development (Office for National Statistics)	UK	Compliance Check
<b>Children,</b>	This year we are committing to better understand the statistics landscape in <b>Wales and Northern Ireland</b> , to expand our stakeholder network and to understand the differing policy context. We are also committing to better understanding <b>post 16 learning</b> , which is a crucial			

<b>Education and Skills</b>	part of the <b>industrial strategy</b> . These priorities are reflected in our work programme.			
	<b>Improve the value provided by statistics</b>			
	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 2	Innovation in Children, Education, and Skills Statistics	UK	Systemic Review
	First half of 2018/19	Public value of statistics on post-school education and skills in England: This project will explore the provision and suitability of data and statistics to support the development and evaluation of current and future policies, in further education, apprenticeships and life-long learning in England	England	Systemic Review
	<b>Enhance compliance with the highest standards of Trustworthiness, Quality and Value</b>			
	First half of 2018/19	Permanent and Fixed-Period Exclusions statistics (using Reproducible Analytical Pipeline) (Department for Education)	England	Compliance Check
	First half of 2018/19	Further Education and Skills statistics (Department for Education)	England	Compliance Check
	First half of 2018/19	Children in Need statistics (Department for Education)	England	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	Statistics on Vocational and Other Qualifications (quarterly statistics) (Ofqual)	UK	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	Higher Education statistics (Higher Education Statistics Agency)	UK	Compliance Check

	Second half of 2018/19	Statistics on Year 12 and 14 examination performance at post-primary schools in Northern Ireland (Department of Education)	NI	Compliance Check	
	Second half of 2018/19	School's Examination Results statistics (Welsh Government)	Wales	Compliance Check	
<b>Crime and Justice</b>	A lot of our previous work in this area has centred on <b>crime</b> , reflecting its high public interest. Last year we widened our interest, with a review of the public value of statistics on <b>justice</b> . We will continue to expand our engagement as we take forward some of the issues highlighted in that review. We will also start a review of the public value of <b>policing statistics</b> across the UK. We will also review some specific statistics on justice and on crime.				
	<b>Improve the value provided by statistics</b>				
	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 2	Public Value of Justice Statistics in the UK: Phase 2 – Follow-up activity arising out of the first phase of our justice review (due to report findings around April 2018) which is covering statistics on civil and family justice, offender management and outcomes, and public attitudes to the justice systems.		UK	Systemic Review
	Second half of 2018/19	The public value of policing statistics: This project will review statistics and data about police and policing across the UK. This review completes our system wide look at statistics on crime and justice and is one that stakeholders have said they are keen for us to cover.		UK	Systemic Review
	<b>Enhance compliance with the highest standards of Trustworthiness, Quality and Value</b>				
	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 2	Police Recorded Crime statistics (Office for National Statistics)		England and Wales	Assessment

	First half of 2018/19	Northern Ireland Crime Survey (Department of Justice): series of Compliance Checks carried forward from 2017/18 programme	NI	Assessment
	First half of 2018/19	Civil Justice statistics quarterly (Ministry of Justice)	England and Wales	Compliance Check
	First half of 2018/19	Criminal Court statistics (quarterly) (Ministry of Justice)	England and Wales	Compliance Check
	First half of 2018/19	Family Court statistics (quarterly) (Ministry of Justice)	England and Wales	Compliance Check
	First half of 2018/19	Prison Population projections (Ministry of Justice)	England and Wales	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	Violence at work: findings from Crime Survey for England and Wales (Health and Safety Executive)	England and Wales	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	Criminal Justice System statistics (quarterly) (Ministry of Justice)	England and Wales	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	Northern Ireland Prosecutions and Convictions Statistics (Department of Justice)	Northern Ireland	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	Criminal Proceedings in Scotland (Scottish Government)	Scotland	Compliance Check
<b>Culture and Identity</b>	Our priorities for 2018/19 will be to assess some of the key statistical publications, including the <b>Community Life Survey</b> . We will also be keeping closely in touch with the developments of the new cultural strategy in Scotland.			

	<b>Enhance compliance with the highest standards of Trustworthiness, Quality and Value</b>			
	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 1	Community Life Survey (Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport)	England	Assessment
	First half of 2018/19	Internet Access - Households and Individuals (Office for National Statistics)	GB	Compliance Check
<b>Economy</b>	In 2018/19 we will focus on <b>public finance statistics</b> . We also want to look at the most appropriate public finance statistics that go beyond income and expenditure of the regions into the investments that nations and regions make. Many fear the impact of Brexit on the contribution of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to economic growth. We will review the quality and public value of the existing FDI statistics from the Office for National Statistics and the Department for International Trade. We also intend to assess HMRC's Tax Gaps statistics.			
	<b>Improve the value provided by statistics</b>			
	First half of 2018/19	Public value of statistics on public finances in a devolved UK: this will explore issues related to the new fiscal frameworks including Barnett consequential, and related to investment including the asset and debt position - across all the devolved nations.	UK, Scotland and UK regions	Systemic Review
	<b>Enhance compliance with the highest standards of Trustworthiness, Quality and Value</b>			
	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 2	UK and Northern Ireland House Price Indices: Phase 2 (HM Land Registry and partners)	UK	Assessment
	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 1	Department for Digital, Culture, Media, and Sport Economic Estimates	UK	Assessment

	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 2	Regional Gross Value Added (Office for National Statistics)	UK	Assessment
	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 2	Measurement of the National Accounts: Supply-Use Tables (Office for National Statistics)	UK	Assessment
	First half of 2018/19	Country and Regional Analysis: Statistical estimates for the allocation of identifiable expenditure between the UK countries and 9 English regions (HM Treasury)	UK countries and regions	Assessment
	Second half of 2018/19	Measuring Tax Gaps (HM Revenue and Customs)	UK	Assessment
	Second half of 2018/19	UK National Accounts Blue Book revisions (Office for National Statistics)	UK	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	Foreign Direct Investment (Office for National Statistics)	UK	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	Public Service Productivity estimates (Office for National Statistics)	UK	Compliance Check
<b>Health and Social Care</b>	<p>We have intensively engaged with statistics producers over the past two years with the aim of improving the coherence and accessibility of health and social care statistics in England. We will continue to monitor progress, but we will stand back convening relevant stakeholders to allow statistics producers to take the lead. Our main priority this year is to ensure <b>social care, mental health, and health service workforce</b> statistics across the UK are meeting the standards of the Code of Practice. We will identify any improvements to be made or areas of strengths to be learnt from via a series of compliance checks, and a systemic review on social care. We will also take a keen interest in how</p>			

the increasing use of record level data can improve statistical production and narrative.

**Improve the value provided by statistics**

Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 2	Health and Social Care statistics: Phase 2 - OSR will move to a 'review and report' phase focused on monitoring the progress made by statisticians to improve the coherence and accessibility of health and social care statistics in England. This is likely to last for two years. We will monitor action by the English Health and Social Care Statistics Steering Group (EHSSG), set up to tackle the issues across the statistical system that are making health and social care statistics hard to use. We will intervene further if progress is not sufficient or if we identify a clear way for producers to add value to the official statistics system. Phase 1 of this project ran for two years, with intensive convening and leadership activities including three Round Table meetings and two conferences.	England	Systemic Review
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First half of 2018/19	Public value of Social Care statistics in the UK: Our previous work with users of English health and social care statistics has indicated that adult social care statistics tend to be less developed than health statistics; we would like now to explore the position UK-wide, recognising policy variations across the devolved administrations have led to differences in how statistics are produced. We intend to explore users' needs and discover and share best practice in statistics' compilation, harmonisation, data linking, publication and statistical commentary about social care.	UK	Systemic Review
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**Enhance compliance with the highest standards of Trustworthiness, Quality and Value**

Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 1	Cancer Survival (Office for National Statistics)	England	Assessment
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	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 1	Avoidable Mortality (Office for National Statistics)	England and Wales	Assessment
	First half of 2018/19	Health and Care statistics: a small programme of (approximately 12) compliance checks – key priorities for the programme will be determined based on intelligence from the Health and Care Systemic Review and engagement with users; suggestions at present include health and social care workforce statistics	UK	Compliance Checks
<b>Housing, Planning and Local Services</b>	During 2018/19, we will build on our <a href="#">Systemic Review on the public value of Statistics on Housing and Planning in the UK</a> and continue to focus on <b>housing</b> and report publicly on related developments. We will also continue efforts to support improvements to individual sets of statistics, including a programme of at least ten compliance checks across the four countries of the UK focused on ‘Quality’ (including quality assurance), given the reliance of many housing and planning statistics on local level administrative data collections. The aim is to start to build momentum to influence wider-reaching improvements across the statistical landscape for this domain.			
	<b>Improve the value provided by statistics</b>			
	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 2	Public value of Statistics on Housing and Planning in the UK: Phase 2: Following our report in 2017/18, we will continue engagement with statistics producers and stakeholders across the UK to support improvements to these statistics; and report publicly on related developments.	UK	Systemic Review
	<b>Enhance compliance with the highest standards of Trustworthiness, Quality and Value</b>			
Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 2	Northern Ireland Housing Conditions Survey (Housing Executive)	NI	Assessment	

	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 1	Welsh Housing Conditions Survey (Welsh Government)	Wales	Assessment
	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 2	Homelessness and Rough Sleeping in England (Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government)	England	Assessment
	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 2	Household Projections in England (Office for National Statistics)	England	Compliance Check
	First half of 2018/19	Housing statistics: a programme of (at least ten) compliance checks with a focus on the Quality pillar: key priorities will be determined based on intelligence from the Public Value of Statistics on Housing and Planning Systemic Review	England, Scotland, Wales, NI	Compliance Checks
	Second half of 2018/19	Index of Private Housing Rental Prices (IPHRP) in Great Britain (Office for National Statistics)	GB	Assessment
<b>Labour Market and Welfare</b>	<p>Our priorities for 2018/19 include continuing to monitor the progress of the UK statistics system in improving the coherence and accessibility of statistics on <b>Income and Earnings</b>. We will also be conducting a series of compliance checks on statistics produced by the Department for Work and Pensions and the Office for National Statistics including <b>Universal Credit</b>, <b>Benefit Cap</b> and the <b>Effects of Taxes and Benefits on UK Household Income</b>. Our focus is not just on UK-level statistics, with an assessment of Northern Ireland Civil Service Sickness Absence statistics also in the pipeline for this year. We are also committed to broadening our understanding of this topic by strengthening our stakeholder network.</p>			
	<b>Improve the value provided by statistics</b>			

	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 2	The coherence and accessibility of statistics on Income and Earnings: Phase 2 - we will continue to track progress of the statistics system in addressing the recommendations set out in our 2015 report.	UK	Systemic Review
<b>Enhance compliance with the highest standards of Trustworthiness, Quality and Value</b>				
	First half of 2018/19	Northern Ireland Civil Service Sickness Absence statistics (Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency)	NI	Assessment
	First half of 2018/19	Effects of Taxes and Benefits on UK Household Income (Office for National Statistics)	UK	Compliance Check
	First half of 2018/19	Universal Credit (Department for Work and Pensions)	UK	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	Benefit Cap statistics (Department for Work and Pensions): carried forward from 2017/18 programme	UK	Compliance Check
<b>Population</b>	Phase 2 of our review on improving the public value of the UK's international <b>migration</b> statistics will continue in 2018/19, with follow up activity on international migration relating to 'employment and business' and 'service delivery' and the extent to which they meet society's needs. We will also be building towards the assessment of the 2021 Census and looking at the Office for National Statistics' population projections.			
<b>Improve the value provided by statistics</b>				
	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 2	Improving the public value of the UK's international migration statistics: Phase 2 - Follow-up activity arising out of two Round Table meetings we held in phase 1 considering statistics on international migration relating to 'employment and business' and 'service delivery' and the extent to which they meet society's needs.	UK	Systemic Review

		Findings of Phase 1 should be published early in 2018.		
<b>Enhance compliance with the highest standards of Trustworthiness, Quality and Value</b>				
	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 1	2021 Census (including administrative data sources) (Office for National Statistics, National Records of Scotland, Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency)	UK	Assessment
	First half of 2018/19	Immigration statistics (Home Office)	UK	Compliance Check
	First half of 2018/19	Statistics within the Population domain: compliance check focused on the Quality Assurance of Administrative Data (QAAD) and its application across statistics producers	UK	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	Population Projections (Office for National Statistics and partners in Devolved Administrations)	UK	Compliance Check
<b>Security, Defence and International Relations</b>	In 2017/18 we built networks with the Ministry of Defence and the Department for International Development statisticians and conducted compliance checks on several Defence National Statistics. Building on that success, in addition to carrying out more compliance checks, this year we will strengthen our networks with the users of SDIR statistics.			
<b>Enhance compliance with the highest standards of Trustworthiness, Quality and Value</b>				
	First half of 2018/19	Provisional UK official development assistance as a proportion of gross national income (Department for International Development)	UK	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	Defence Health and Safety statistics (Ministry of Defence)	UK	Compliance Check

<b>Travel, Transport and Tourism</b>	This year our focus will be enhancing our links with users and producers of the TTT statistics, including in Devolved Administrations and producers outside of Government that may have an interest in applying the Code on a voluntary basis. We also want to engage with producers and users involved in innovative work within this domain, for example, the production of new statistics using big data or through data linkage. Our regulatory activities for this year include an assessment of the statistics derived from the large and unique National Rail Passenger Survey and a series of compliance checks.			
	<b>Enhance compliance with the highest standards of Trustworthiness, Quality and Value</b>			
	Continuing from 2017/18	Rail statistics (Office of Rail and Road)	GB	Compliance Check
	Continuing from 2017/18	National Travel Survey (Department for Transport)	GB	Compliance Check
	First half of 2018/19	Road Accidents and Safety statistics (Department for Transport)	GB	Compliance Check
	First half of 2018/19	Overseas Travel and Tourism (Office for National Statistics): Carried forward from 2017/18 programme	UK	Compliance Check
	Second half of 2018/19	National Rail Passenger Survey (Transport Focus)	GB	Assessment
<b>Cross-Cutting</b>	<b>Improve the value provided by statistics</b>			
	Continuing from 2017/18: Phase 2	Data Access and Linkage: Phase 2 - Follow-up activity arising out of the first phase of our data linkage review which is investigating the UK statistical system's ability to provide greater insight via linked data.	UK	Systemic Review

	Second half of 2018/19	Public value of statistics to understand inequalities: We will consult stakeholders and take account of ONS's 'audit of inequalities data' and the work undertaken by the Race Disparity Unit during the first half of the year with a view to clearly defining a project to begin in the second half of the year. We will be seeking to identify and address any areas where statistics poorly serve people in certain groups and will consider looking beyond the protected characteristics of the Equalities Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership and pregnancy and maternity) as we are also aware of considerable interest in factors such as income inequality and socio-economic class.	UK	Systemic Review
	First half of 2018/19	<p>Public value of statistics on children and younger people</p> <p>Public value of statistics on older people</p> <p>We will work with stakeholders with a view to scoping two projects, the first focused on children and younger people and the second focused on older people, looking at the availability of statistics to understand their experiences. Scoping will begin in the first half of 2018/19.</p>	UK	Systemic Review