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(by email)

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Dear Scott

**Accident and Emergency (A&E) Activity Statistics in Scotland:
Confirmation of accredited official statistics status**

Following [our assessment](#) of the [weekly A&E activity statistics](#) produced by Public Health Scotland (PHS), we set out three requirements that we judged that you needed to meet in order for these statistics to become [accredited official statistics](#). Accredited official statistics are called National Statistics in the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007.

We have independently reviewed the actions that your team has taken to address these requirements. On behalf of the Board of the UK Statistics Authority, I am pleased to confirm that they comply with the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#) and should be labelled accredited official statistics.

We were impressed with your team's engagement and willingness to address these requirements quickly and effectively. The monthly and weekly statistics continue to be of high public interest in Scotland and are subject to comparisons with other A&E statistics across the UK. As they are both now accredited official statistics with clear definitions and on the same platform, it should be easier for a user to make an informed judgement when selecting the appropriate set of statistics.

I am copying this letter to Emma McNair, Information Consultant at Public Health Scotland.

Yours sincerely



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