

TRUSTWORTHINESS

Building confidence in the people and organisations that produce statistics and data

QUALITY

Data and methods that produce assured statistics

VALUE

Statistics that support society's needs for information

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CODE OF PRACTICE FOR STATISTICS 3.0

TRUSTWORTHINESS, QUALITY AND VALUE

For those using statistics or holding
producer organisations to account

EVERY NUMBER MATTERS

FOR USERS OF STATISTICS

- Recognise statistics as a public asset that informs public debate
- Trust but verify - check to see how well the Code principles are being applied by producers
- Use and share statistics responsibly in line with the Code principles

EXAMPLE

A journalist reporting on NHS waiting times uses official statistics from NHS England. They cite the source, explain the context, and avoid misrepresentation—helping readers understand the data and reinforcing trust in official numbers

THE CODE PRINCIPLES

The standards to be applied by statistics producers - consider these in holding producers to account



TRUSTWORTHINESS

- 1 Show integrity
- 2 Lead responsibly
- 3 Be transparent
- 4 Respect data



QUALITY

- 5 Prioritise quality
- 6 Be rigorous
- 7 Be open about quality



VALUE

- 8 Be relevant
- 9 Be clear
- 10 Be accessible