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Stephanie Howarth  
Chief Statistician  
Welsh Government  
(by email)

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Dear Stephanie

**Compliance review of maternity and births statistics and breastfeeding statistics**

We recently completed a compliance review of Welsh Government's [Maternity and births statistics](#) and [Breastfeeding statistics](#) against the standards of the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#). Our review considered whether the Welsh Government can continue to publish the statistics as accredited official statistics.

Based on the findings of the review, it is our view that the statistics comply with the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in the Code and should retain their accredited official statistics status. We make three recommendations for enhancing the quality and value of the statistics.

I am grateful for the positive engagement from your team throughout the review.

I am copying this letter to Annie Campbell, Head of Population and Community Health Statistics.

Yours sincerely



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