

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR STATISTICS

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Context

The statistical function within the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB) is responsible for collecting, compiling, processing, analysing, interpreting, and disseminating a range of statistics covering perceptions of policing, community policing and custody visiting.

Our publication schedule, identifying those that have been designated as 'Official Statistics', can be found on our website along with a list of all our statistical publications.

<https://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/statistics-research>

Our statistics are produced in accordance with the principles set out in the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#). The three pillars underpinning the Code are trustworthiness, quality and value and each of these have corresponding underlying principles. This document sets out how our statistics comply with the pillars and principles.

The Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) reviews compliance with the Code. [Office for Statistics Regulation \(statisticsauthority.gov.uk\)](#)

Confidence in people, systems and processes that enable and support the production of statistics and data

Trustworthiness



Statistics that fit their intended uses, based on appropriate data and methods and not materially misleading

Quality



Useful, easy to access, remain relevant and support understanding of important issues

Value



Trustworthiness

Confidence in the people and organisations that produce statistics and data

Trustworthiness is a product of the people, systems and processes within organisations that enable and support the production of statistics and data. Trustworthiness comes from the organisation that produces statistics and data being well led, well managed and open, and the people who work there being impartial and skilled in what they do.

Honesty and integrity

Truthful, impartial, independent people who meet consistent standards of behaviour that reflect wider public good.

Independent decision making and leadership

Chief Statistician upholds & advocates standard of the Code, strives to improve statistics and data for public good, and challenges their inappropriate use.

Orderly release

Commitment to releasing statistics in an open and transparent manner that promotes public confidence.

Transparent processes and management

Effective business processes and appropriate resources to support their statistical functions and be open about their plans, priorities and progress.

Professional capability

Producers appropriately skilled, trained and supported in their roles and professional development.

Data governance

Data kept securely and managed in ways that are consistent with relevant legislation and serve the public good.

Quality

Data and methods that produce assured statistics

Quality means that statistics fit their intended uses, are based on appropriate data and methods, and are not materially misleading. Quality requires skilled professional judgement about collecting, preparing, analysing and publishing statistics and data in ways that meet the needs of people who want to use the statistics.

Suitable data sources

Based on data sources that are appropriate for the intended uses. A clear statement of data requirements. Limitations identified and addressed.

Sound methods

Based on good practice, scientific principles or established professional consensus. Transparent about methods used. Consistent with harmonisation guidelines and related statistics.

Assured quality

Clearly explained, accurate, reliable, coherent and timely. Produced to a quality that meets users' needs. Quality assured, monitored, validated and revisions explained.

Value

Statistics that support society's needs for information

Value means that the statistics and data are useful, easy to access, remain relevant, and support understanding of important issues. Value includes improving existing statistics and creating new ones through discussion and collaboration with stakeholders, and being responsible and efficient in the collection, sharing and use of statistical information.

Relevant to users

Users central to statistical production and their needs understood. Review, change or adapt to provide relevant statistics to users.

Accessibility

Equally available to all. Published at a sufficient level of detail and remain publicly available and easily accessible.

Clarity and insight

Presented clearly, explained meaningfully and provide authoritative insights that serve the public good. Accompanied by clear descriptions and illustrated by suitable data visualisations.

Innovation and improvement

Creative and motivated seeking improvements to statistics and data. Recognise the potential to harness technological advances.

Efficiency and proportionality

Published in forms that enable their reuse. Use opportunities for data sharing. Consideration given to data suitability and data collection burden.

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