


OSR Compliance Check & Future Developments



Compliance Checks - What are they?

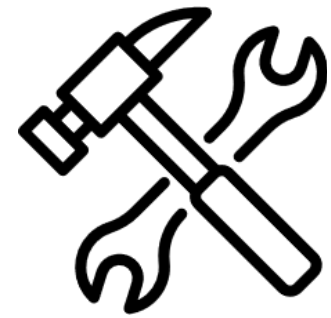
- Carried out by the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR), part of the UK Statistics Authority
- Compliance checks are short, focused reviews, typically providing a high-level investigation of the extent to which statistics meet the standards of the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#) – Trustworthiness, Quality and Value.
- Ensure that National Statistics publications are keeping up their high standard and compliance with the Code

- Completed end 2018/start 2019
- Letter to SG Chief Statistician outlining findings published in February 2019
- Maintained National Statistics status 
- Highlighted some good points
- Stated a number of improvements that could be made

Good points



- The Homelessness Statistics Users Group
- The statisticians' ongoing work with local authorities to quality assure the quarterly data submissions.
- Assessing the robustness of data received via the new 'HL3' case-level temporary accommodation returns
- Scottish Government's recent published research exploring the relationship between homelessness and health - we think this is a great example of innovation,
- Developing and publishing the PREVENT1 publication as Experimental Statistics since 2010/11 to reflect a new data collection on the operation of Housing Options services
- Planned collaboration with National Records of Scotland to develop and publish new statistics on deaths of homeless people in Scotland



Suggested Improvements

- Review and update existing published information about data governance.
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Progress so far.....

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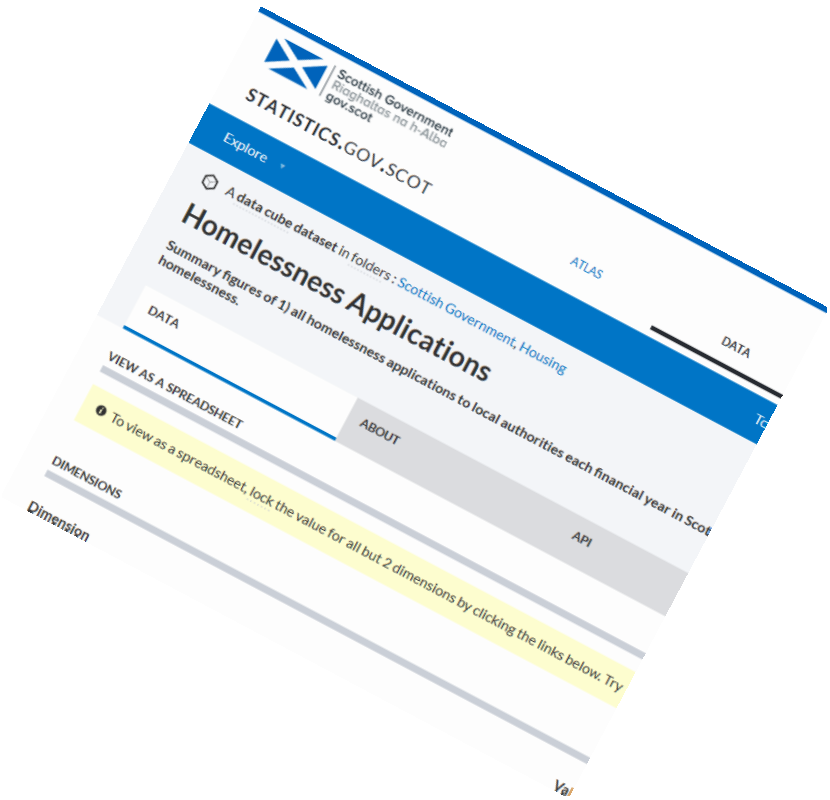
Future Developments

Publications

- Homelessness Statistics by Equalities Group – November 2019
- Age, Sex, Ethnicity
- Improved Bi-annual and Annual publications
- Will make changes to Jan publication and then invite feedback

Statistics.gov.scot

- Currently publish 3 indicators on statistics.gov.scot
 - Number of homeless applications
 - Number of homeless applications assessed as homeless or threatened with homelessness
 - Number of households in Temporary Accommodation at 31st March each year
- Available at Scotland and LA level
- Available 2007/08 – 2018/19



- Would like to add more indicators, but require feedback from users as to which would be most useful.

Questions?