



Statement of Administrative Sources used for Official Statistics

Background and purpose

Official statistics published by Public Health England (PHE) are based on two main sources: data gathered from statistical surveys, and data extracted from administrative or management systems.

By using data which is already available within administrative or management systems, rather than collecting data afresh, we are able to limit the overall burden placed on data providers, and also minimise data collection costs. In addition, the information we extract from such systems often has the advantage of being more timely than statistical data and, when compared with data from surveys (and particularly sample surveys), can also deliver data with a greater breadth of coverage.

The [UK Statistics Authority](#) actively encourages public bodies to exploit administrative and management sources for statistical purposes. However the Authority recognises that the statistical advantages of such arrangements can only be fully realised if statisticians have appropriate access to such systems; if statistical purposes are reflected in the design, management, and development of such systems; and if adequate safeguards are put in place to ensure the professional integrity of any official statistics derived from them.

The Authority's main requirements are set out in the third Protocol attached to the [Code of Practice for Official Statistics](#). Amongst other things, this Protocol requires all producers of official statistics to publish a 'Statement of Administrative Sources'.

List of administrative sources

A list of the administrative sources used for PHE official statistics products, with links to further information about each source, is attached as an excel spreadsheet.

This lists separately:

- PHE administrative data sources used for PHE official statistics
- external administrative data sources used for PHE official statistics

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