

# UK Statistics Authority Inclusive Data Consultation

## Overview

ONS is undertaking a review of how inclusive data and evidence are across the UK. This is in keeping with our new strategy, Statistics for the Public Good, and will help to support the work of the **Inclusive Data Taskforce** <[https://uksa.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/about-the-authority/inclusive-data-taskforce/#:~:text=Inclusive%20Data%20Taskforce%20In%20July%202020%20the%20UK,next%20five%20years%3A%20radical%2C%20ambitious%](https://uksa.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/about-the-authority/inclusive-data-taskforce/#:~:text=Inclusive%20Data%20Taskforce%20In%20July%202020%20the%20UK,next%20five%20years%3A%20radical%2C%20ambitious%20)>.

Ultimately, we want to ensure that "...our statistics, [analysis and publications] reflect the experiences of everyone in our society so that **everyone counts, and is counted, and no one is forgotten.**" (Statistics for the Public Good, 2020).

We need your help in understanding what you need, where the gaps are and where further work is needed.

## Why we are consulting

The findings of this review will be considered by the Inclusive Data Taskforce in making their recommendations to the National Statistician on what needs to change in future and how this can be achieved. The National Statistician will consider the recommendations in deciding how best to make progress towards the aim of more inclusive data and evidence in the UK.

In this review, we'd like your views on where data and evidence are currently lacking or partial. This may be in terms of the quality of what is available, topics covered, geographical coverage or areas where data and evidence are missing completely. We would also welcome your suggestions about where to make improvements and what is currently working well.

## About you

This section asks about you and your interest in inclusive data and evidence.

What is your name?

What is your email address?

If you enter your email address then you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.

Are you answering on behalf of an organisation or as an individual?

*Please select only one item*

Individual  Organisation (please specify)

If you are answering on behalf of an organisation, what sector do you work in? This will assist us in monitoring the range of people that have responded to this survey.

Please select only one item

- Government department    Public body (for example health, transport, emergency services)    Local authority    Housing  
 Academic/research    Charity and voluntary    Commercial    Utility    Journalist/media    Other (please specify below)  
 Not Applicable

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

We may wish to contact you in relation to your response or to invite you to attend follow-up events. Would you be happy for us to do so?

Please select only one item

- Yes    No

What is your main area of interest or your broad area of research, in terms of topic and groups that you're interested in?

To support transparency in our decision-making process, responses to this consultation will be made public. This will include the name of the responding organisation or individual. Please confirm that you are content for your name to be published. We won't publish personal contact details.

**Please be aware that any information provided in response to this consultation could be made publicly available if requested under a Freedom of Information request.**

**Please also be aware that if you're responding as an individual but then name your organisation in any of the open questions, that name will be published.**

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Yes, I consent to my name being published with my response    No, please remove my name before publishing my response

## Current Data or Evidence

This section focuses on current data and evidence, what we measure, how we measure it and in what detail.

Are there any questions you are currently unable to answer because of a lack of data or evidence? If there are any, please tell us what they are.

Please tell us the reasons why you are unable to answer these questions. (Please provide further details below)

*Please select all that apply*

Gaps in the current data?  Problems with measurement?  The level of detail available?  Something else?

## Data and Evidence Accessibility

This section focuses on how accessible data and evidence are and how clearly they are presented.

Are you currently able to access the data you need for your purposes?

*Please select only one item*

Yes, all of it  Yes, some of it  No, none of it

If you are not able to access all the data or evidence you need for your purposes, what data are you unable to access and what are the barriers to you accessing this data?

Are there any issues with how the data or evidence that you currently rely on are presented? If so, please provide details.

## Making Improvements

This section is about how we can make improvements and learn from what is already working.

Thinking of all the issues you may have experienced with the data and evidence, which of the following improvements would you like to see? Please provide details.

*Please select all that apply*

- Fill gaps in the current data?  Address problems with measurement?  Improve the level of detail available?  
 Enable greater access to data?  Improve presentation of the evidence?  Anything else?

Please tell us about how important it is for your purposes that data or evidence are comparable across different geographies, for example, across the 4 countries of the UK, internationally or at a more local level? Please give details of what geographies you would like to be able to compare across.

Please tell us about any impacts you've experienced due to a lack of comparable data or evidence.

What change to the current data or evidence would you most like to see to be able to answer the questions that are most relevant to you?

Please tell us about any examples of inclusive data and evidence that you think work well. If relevant, please include a link.

If there is anything else you would like to add that hasn't already been covered, please share your views here.

**Next Steps**

All responses received for this consultation will be analysed and the findings shared with the Inclusive Data Taskforce. Based on this and other evidence-gathering activities, the Taskforce will make recommendations to the National Statistician regarding improving inclusiveness in UK data and evidence. The report and recommendations of the Taskforce, taking into account the findings from this consultation, will be published during 2021.