

TRUSTWORTHINESS: confidence in the people and organisations that produce statistics and data

# T2: INDEPENDENT DECISION MAKING AND LEADERSHIP

## HEADS OF PROFESSION ARE INDEPENDENT LEADERS

They uphold and advocate the standards of the Code, strive to improve statistics and data for the public good, and challenge their inappropriate use

## SOLE AUTHORITY

For deciding on methods, standards and procedures, as well as on the content and timing of release for regular and ad hoc official statistics  
[T2.1]

## PRINCIPLE STATISTICAL ADVISER

HoPs are the principle adviser on statistical matters – so listen to them. Their views should be considered on all statistics and data matters  
[T2.3]

## ADVOCATE

HoPs advocate the Code pillars beyond OS to everyone in the organisation involved in producing, publishing, and using statistics and data  
[T2.2]

## HEADS OF PROFESSION OVERSEE STATISTICAL FUNCTIONS

ENCOURAGE  
**COLLABORATION  
HARMONISATION  
INNOVATION**  
[T2.4]

**CHALLENGE AND  
PREVENT MISUSE**  
[T2.5]

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Report to the National Statistician on professional matters  
[T2.6]

## GUARDIAN

Report wrongful release and threats to independence to the National Statistician or Chief Statistician in their devolved administration  
[T2.7]

## ACCOUNTABLE

Report concerns about meeting the Code to the Director General for Regulation  
[T2.8]

## EXEMPTIONS

Request an exemption from a specific practice if necessary from the Director General for Regulation  
[T2.9]

Visit the online Code for further information

<https://code.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/>