# **Code of Practice for Statistics summaries**

**QUALITY: Data and methods that produce assured statistics**

# Q1: Suitable data sources

Statistics should be based on the most appropriate data to meet intended uses. The impact of any data limitations for use should be assessed, minimised and explained [Q1]

## Appropriate source

Select the data sources that measure what needs to be measured [Q1.1]

## Supply partners

Maintain constructive relationships – all in involved in the statistics preparation process [Q2.2]

## Statement of requirements

What is needed – when and how receive, how and why use [Q1.3]

## Harmonised data

Use coherent, consistent and comparable data - over time, geography, when aggregated [Q1.4]

## Source context

Nature and why selected, identify potential bias and uncertainty. Explain their impact [Q1.5]

## Limitations

Identify and address if can. Explain extent and impact [Q1.6]

## Changes

Evaluate and explain changes in the data sources, any inconsistencies and their implications [Q1.5]

## Visit the online Code for further information

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