# **Code of Practice for Statistics summaries**

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

# Q2: Sound methods

## Basis

Methods based on good practice or scientific principles or professional consensus [Q2.1]

## Harmonisation

Use recognised standards, classifications, definitions; be consistent and coherent; explain reasons and implications [Q2.2]

## Transparency

Be open about methods, giving reasons for choice, proportionate to the complexity [Q2.3]

## Limitations

Explain implications, including bias and uncertainty, and any steps taken to reduce impact [Q2.4]

## Communication

Advanced notice of method changes, explain nature and extent, provide a back series [Q2.5]

## Collaboration

With topic and method experts, other producers [Q2.6]

## Visit the online Code for further information

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