# **Code of Practice for Statistics summaries**

**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]

## 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/>