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# UK Statistics Authority's Ethics Services

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# Ethical Principles

## Public Good

The use of data has clear benefits for users and serves the public good.



## Confidentiality, data security

The data subject's identity (whether person or organisation) is protected, information is kept confidential and secure, and the issue of consent is considered appropriately.



## Methods and Quality

The risks and limits of new technologies are considered and there is sufficient human oversight so that methods employed are consistent with recognised standards of integrity and quality.



## Legal Compliance

Data used and methods employed are consistent with legal requirements such as Data Protection Legislation, the Human Rights Act 1998, the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007, public equalities duty and the common law duty of confidence.



## Public views & engagement

The views of the public are considered in light of the data used and the perceived benefits of the research.



## Transparency

The access, use and sharing of data is **transparent**, and is communicated clearly and accessibly to the public.



# Self-Assessment Tool

The ethics self-assessment tool that researchers can use to self-assess their research against these ethical principles

- ❖ Over **450** users of the ethics framework.
- ❖ **3 working day average** turnaround time in 2021.
- ❖ Over half of projects considered are **linking data** or are using linked data.



# National Statistician's Data Ethics Advisory Committee



Project	Organisation
Student Suicide Statistics	ONS
Investigating vulnerabilities linked to serious youth violence using linked DfE & MoJ data	DfE & MoJ
COVID-19 Infection Survey	ONS & University of Oxford
Vulnerable Persons and Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme	ONS & Home Office
Measurement of Vulnerability of Children and Young People in England	Alma Economics (commissioned by the Children's Commissioner for England)

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# The Centre for Applied Data Ethics builds on this foundation...



Continue to develop the **self-assessment tool and guidance** and provide **independent expert ethical advice** through **NSDEC**.



**New online ethics training** for the research and statistical community across **Government, academia and the commercial sector**.



**A new ethics user support service** for the research and statistics community to **provide ethics advice at the research design phase**.



**Publish new guidance on cross cutting ethical issues** in research and statistics.