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NRLS Revisions Policy

[NRLS workbooks]

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All NRLS statistical outputs are produced to high standards, with consistent definitions and rigorous quality assurance processes.

Under Principle 2 of the UK Statistics Authority Code of Practice for Official Statistics (Impartiality and Objectivity), organisations responsible for the production of Official Statistics are required to publish a Revisions Policy for those outputs that are subject to scheduled revisions.

Two NRLS outputs are available in the public domain:

- the Organisation Patient Safety Incident Report workbooks (which were awarded UK Official Statistics status in 2010)
- the Quarterly Dataset Summary (QDS) workbooks

For the both workbooks, revisions are expected to be rare events, arising from errors in the published data. Therefore, neither output is subject to scheduled revisions.

This Revisions Protocol relates to both of the NRLS workbooks in the public domain, which are published by NHS England, and produced by the National Reporting and Learning System.

Process for submitting revisions:

[Organisation Patient Safety Incident Report workbooks](#)

The focus of these workbooks is at individual organisation level. For over two years the NRLS quality assurance process has included a monthly report to support organisations in identifying and resolving any quality issues as promptly as possible. Every month, provisional data are shared back with the submitting organisation to help identify possible data quality problems with data uploaded to the NRLS. This gives organisations the opportunity to check the data that the NRLS has received and compare with data in their systems. Detailed guidance on what to look for and known reporting issues is given in an online FAQ document, along with the option to contact the NRLS Patient Safety Reporting Leads for further support if needed. Therefore the NRLS team would expect any data issues at local organisation level to have been resolved well in advance of production of both workbooks, and therefore would not anticipate any requests for revisions from NHS organisations.

[QDS workbooks](#)

In addition to the quality assurance process described above, and as the focus of these workbooks is on national figures only, we would not anticipate any requests for revisions from individual NHS organisations.

Historical data:

The impact of revisions will be assessed, and amendments will only be made to historical data where not doing so would materially distort the historical time series.

Dissemination of revised data:

In the event of an error, revised data will be published as soon as practicable.

Pre-release access:

The normal pre-release procedure will apply to any revised data.

