

Statement of Administrative Sources

Annex A: Information on administrative source

Enquiries	Please contact the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) Contact centre Telephone: 0300 3035678 and email: enquiries@hscic.gov.uk
Name of Administrative Source	ONS Gestation-Specific Infant Mortality Data
Section 1: Collection	<p><i>Please give a short explanation of the processes through which the system's underlying 'raw data' are captured.</i></p> <p>This data presents details and breakdowns of live births and infant deaths (under year 1) broken down into gestational age.</p> <p>Birth registration data is linked with the birth notification system using the NHS number for babies. Birth notification data comprises data recorded at birth, including gestational age and ethnicity. This data is then linked to death registration data to identify babies who died before their first birthday, and whose death was registered before a specified date for each publication. For example for the 2012 data, death had to be registered before the 5th of June 2014. By linking this data it allows for births and infant deaths to be reported by gestational age.</p>

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<p>Section 2: Quality assurance</p>	<p><i>Please give details of any arrangements for auditing the quality of administrative data from this system which is used for statistical purposes</i></p> <p>When a birth or death is registered, the registration system provides the opportunity for the registrar to make validation checks at the point of registration, therefore improving the quality of the data.</p> <p>Internal consistency checks are conducted by ONS to eliminate any errors made in the supply and recording of birth and death records. Checks are more frequent on those records with extreme values for key variables (such as age of mother and father), as these have a greater impact on published statistics. A small number of birth registrations are raised with the General Register Office (GRO) on a monthly basis for verification.</p>
<p>Section 3: Application</p>	<p><i>Please give a description of each of the main applications/uses to which the administrative or management data are put before they are transformed into official statistics</i></p> <p>Infant mortality is seen as a key measure among health outcomes and there is a long established link between social and health inequalities and infant mortality. This data plays a central role in the Department of Health's work tackling health inequalities.</p>

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Section 4: Access and Dissemination	<i>Please provide a summary of the arrangements put in place for sharing and disseminating the administrative/management data during the period before they are converted into Official Statistics</i>	
	HSCIC Statistical Governance policy available from http://www.hscic.gov.uk/pubs/calendar (See Statistical Governance Policy under User Documents)	
	HSCIC Freedom of Information process available from http://www.hscic.gov.uk/foi	
	Link to National Statistician’s Guidance: Use of Administrative or Management Information http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/national-statistician/guidance/index.html	
	HSCIC Information Governance Statement of Compliance Policy available from http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/infogov/igsoc/background/index.html	
Specify if shared Inside/Outside The HSCIC	The overall data set is available publically. Requests can be made for specific subsets of the data.	
Range	Anyone with access to the internet	
Nature	For use in the production of Official Statistics by the HSCIC	
Timing	Data is released annually	

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<p>Section 5: Non-statistical publication</p>	<p><i>Please provide a summary of any exceptional arrangements put in place for placing the administrative/management data in the public domain during the period before they are converted into official statistics. If none, please state None.</i></p> <p>None other than by data owners as above</p>
<p>Section 6: Statistical publication</p>	<p><i>Please provide a list of each of the 'Official' or 'National' statistics series derived from this system.</i></p> <p>HSCIC publications calendar: http://www.hscic.gov.uk/pubs/calendar</p> <p>NHS Outcomes Framework – Publications</p>
<p>Section 7: Synergies</p>	<p><i>Please provide a mapping which explains the relationship between any public manifestations of the administrative/management data, and any subsequent statistical releases or publications.</i></p> <p>None prior to Publication</p>

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Section 8: Security/Data Protection arrangements	<p><i>Please explain any additional arrangements for ensuring the security of statistical processes that draw on administrative data other than those listed below</i></p> <p>Relevant IG polices:</p> <p>HSCIC Statistical Governance policy available from http://www.hscic.gov.uk/pubs/calendar(then click on “Statistical Governance Policy”)</p> <p>HSCIC Disclosure control Procedure available from http://www.hscic.gov.uk/pubs/calendar (then click on “Disclosure Control Procedure”)</p> <p>ONS Confidentiality Guidance and working papers http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/best-practice/disclosure-control-of-health-statistics/index.html</p> <p>HSCIC Freedom of Information process available from http://www.hscic.gov.uk/foi</p>
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