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## **Announcement of Changes to the “Personal Social Services: Staff of Social Services Departments, England as at September 2011 [NS]”**

Following a National Statistics Consultation<sup>1</sup>, the data source for this report is changing from the Social Services Staffing Collection (SSDS001) to the National Minimum Dataset for Social Care (NMDS-SC) which is collected by Skills for Care (SfC).

Part of the change has resulted in a minor change to the title as councils are now asked to upload their data during a 4 week window around the end of September rather than reporting the number of staff employed as at 30 September. Hence the phrase “as at 30 September” in the title has been changed to “as at September”.

*[NS] denotes that the publication has National Statistics status.*

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<sup>1</sup> More details on the consultation including a report on the responses can be found at: <http://www.ic.nhs.uk/services/social-care/news-and-events/social-care-workforce-information-consultation>