**English Health Statistics Steering Group (EHSSG)**

**Terms of Reference**

**Introduction**

The English Health Statistics Steering Group oversees collaborative working across English health bodies to ensure priority user needs for health and social care statistics are met in a timely, coherent and accessible way.

**Responsibilities**

The core responsibilities of the group are to work collaboratively to:

1. Develop and own a strategy for English health statistics
2. Identify and propose solutions to issues of coherence and accessibility of health and social care statistics
3. Reduce duplication in data collection / analysis to deliver efficiencies in official statistics
4. Engage with users and determine the most effective ways of addressing priority information needs
5. Oversee developments to guide researchers and the public to the most appropriate statistics to meet their needs
6. Consider recommendations from the Health Statistics Round Table leadership group and lead on implementation where appropriate
7. Develop a principle-based approach to the statistical responsibilities of the different organisations which currently produce official statistics

**Meetings**

Quarterly

**Reporting**

*TBA*

**Related Groups**

The English Health Statistics Steering Group should engage with:

* The Health and Social Care Theme Group (or successor group)
* Health Stats User Group
* National Information Board
* Relevant key account holders and meetings
* The Health Statistics Round Table leadership group

**Membership**

The group will include representation from ONS; DH; HSCIC; PHE; NHS England