Finalising the Code 2.0

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Response to the Consultation

- 77 responses to the consultation in questionnaires and emailed comments
- Informal comments received through:
  - 25 seminars to producer departments
  - 6 other sessions eg directors of analysis, digital comms, user groups, focus group with general public
  - 5 meetings with organisations interested in voluntary compliance
  - 3 conference presentations

Main findings

- Application of the Code
- Structure and presentation
- Specific areas of practice – trustworthiness, quality and value

Application of the Code

- Scope: support for the application to other uses of data
- Voluntary compliance – interest from organisations, need for further guidance
- Strengthen emphasis on compliance for OS and NS
- Explain regulatory approach – challenge misuse

Action

- Remove 'Part 1' from the Code and create separate guidance on voluntary applying the Code
- Interactive Code ('iCode') with guidance including our regulatory approach

Structure and presentation

- Wide spread support for TQV
- Found framework intuitive, clear, easier to understand
- Some thought Pillars not entirely conceptually distinct
- Repetition

Action

- Explain the pillars more clearly
- Set out the basis for the framework dimensions (Introduction)
- Draw out cross-cutting nature of some themes like coherence

Specific Areas of Practice

Trustworthiness

- PRA – avoid UKSA opinion, contradiction with legislation
- Emphasise independence and honesty, openness and transparency
- Support for strengthened role of Heads of Profession
- Cover wider data governance issues

Action

- Revise principles:

  Integrity, Independent Decision-making, Orderly Release, Transparent Process, Statistical Capability, Data Governance [titles not finalised]

Specific areas of Practice

Quality

- Apply better to all data types and represent new ways of obtaining data
- ESS dimensions of Quality
- Coherence – cross-cutting but emphasised importance and challenge of maintaining relevance

Action

- Integrate practices on coherence in the principles: Suitable Data Sources, Sound Methods and Assured Data Quality
- Simplify to apply to all data types
- Widen quality indicators, beyond accuracy and reliability

Specific areas of Practice

Value

- Support for emphasis on relevance to users and accessibility

- Strengthen the Code on trade-offs: timeliness, value for money and public benefit of statistics production and publication

- Users: consider 'importance' in relation to different user perspectives; as decision-makers

- Innovation welcomed, importance of collaboration, involving users

Action

- Include practices relevant to timeliness across the Code

- Extend practices to allow for trade-offs and better reflect proportionality (where appropriate)

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The three pillars of the
Code of Practice for Statistics

Trustworthiness	Quality	Value
- having confidence in the people and organisations that publish statistics	- using data and methods that produce assured statistics	- publishing statistics that support society's needs for information
Integrity		Accessible
Independent decision making	Suitable data sources	Insightful
Orderly release	Sound methods	Reflect the range of users and uses
Transparent process	Assured data quality	Innovative
Statistical capability		Efficient data collection and use
Data governance		

Next steps

- Consultation Response paper – aiming to publish by end November

- Redrafting the Code – aiming to publish in January/February – booklet

- Interactive Code – being developed and to go live with launch of new Edition

- Guidance being developed – some available at launch, then ongoing release

- Blogs – will provide updates on feedback

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Any questions?

Thank you

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