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| **Department** | Office for national statistics |
| **Closing date** | 28/07/2017 | **Preferred Start date** | 04/09/2017 |
| **Job title** | Statistical quality advisor |
| **Level ofFast Stream post** | Entry [ ]  Mid [ ] Senior [x]  Any [ ]  | **Number of posts**(if applicable) | 2 |
| **Directorate** | Best Practice and Impact |
| **Division/Team** | GSS Quality Centre |
| **Location** | London, Newport or Titchfield | **Flexible working (give details)** | Yes, all types of flexible working available |
| **Job Summary**Including keyresponsibilities | You may not have heard or come across the GSS quality centre to date because they have previously worked primarily for ONS. Now they are part of the Best Practice & Impact Division facing the GSS and are part of a wider team supporting the GSS to improve Government Statistics. These posts will provide you strategic insight across the whole of government statistics, build your knowledge of what best practice looks like and develop your consultancy skills. The team has no business as usual work, everything we do is project based, so you’ll be developing new skills in everything you do.See here for further information on the Best Practice & Impact Division <https://gss.civilservice.gov.uk/about-us/support-for-the-gss/> The Quality Centre team is a key enabler for improving the quality standards of statistics across government leading, promoting and embedding quality standards and principles across the GSS. This is an important role and will give the applicants the opportunity to support the development of a GSS Strategy on quality and embedding the delivery of the strategy across the GSS.The post holder will have the opportunity:• to have a leading role building their understanding around quality issues and the important use of its application across the GSS. • to develop new ways to assess and report the quality of administrative data and other big data sources, drawing on academics' expertise in the new methods. • to work on Independent Reviews of statistical teams across government, assessing statistical capability and statistical outputs which will build their consultancy skills and test their statistical expertise. • to help run training courses and seminars on quality across the GSS.• to ensure that consistent quality standards are in place in the application and presentation of statistical outputs• to help develop, maintain and promote quality standards through collaboration and presentation across the GSS. I am particularly interested in recruiting fast streamers with experience in policy departments.  |
| **Key competencies developed in role**(Please tick no morethan 6 key competencies) | Seeing the Bigger Picture [ ]  Leading and Communicating [ ] Changing and Improving [x]  Collaborating and Partnering [x] Making Effective Decisions [ ]  Building Capability for All [x] Achieving Commercial Outcomes [ ] Delivering Value for Money [ ] Managing a Quality Service [x] Delivering at Pace [ ] Acquiring data/Understanding customer needs [ ] Data analysis [ ] Presenting and disseminating data effectively [x] Working with credibility [x] These posts will allow you to develop strong presentation skills and building capability skills (through delivering training courses / seminars to analysts and policy officials), strong statistical skills working with academics developing statistical methods, a strong understanding in best practice in the presentation & dissemination of statistics, and our whole ethos is customer focused delivering a strong customer service to the GSS which has impact across the whole statistical system.  |
| **Development Opportunities** | Line management opportunities, engagement with GSS HoPs across government, opportunities to regularly engage with the National Statistician and Deputy National Statisticians, opportunity to develop a wide strategic view across the whole statistical system and the opportunity to work in a division which is new, highly engaged and enthusiastic to make a difference.  |
| **Current / Previous Post Holder** | These are new posts in a newly formed division |
| **Travel requirements** | Some travel between ONS sites and some travel to OGDs across the country |
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| **If more than one AS expresses interest, the next step will be:** | Informal chatPlease give further details and/or specify interview dates where applicable. |