

GSS Quality Champions network: Our Champion Charter

The [GSS Quality Centre](#) supports the [GSS](#) in meeting its requirements to maintain, improve and report on quality under the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#). The GSS Quality Champions network is an important part of providing this support to the GSS.

As a member of the network and as an active quality champion in my department, I will support my Head of Profession (HoP) in raising the quality of official statistics within my department and commit to delivering the following tasks, within each year:

Share best practice in my department

- Ensure my HoP and colleagues within my department are kept up to date with [guidance produced by the Quality Centre](#) and any other developments relating to quality.
- Act as the central point of contact within my department for advice on quality.
- Consider producing internal guidance documents on quality for my department. The Quality Centre have a number of examples of these from across the GSS.

Support my HoP in ensuring delivery of the [GSS Quality Strategy](#) within my department

- Work with my HoP to produce an [action plan](#) outlining what activities will take place in my department to achieve the GSS aims within the strategy. These action plans should be produced through consultation with all GSS members in my department.
- Work with my HoP to provide biannual updates to the Quality Centre on these actions to enable progress of the strategy to be tracked.

Identify areas where support is needed from the Quality Centre

- Work with my HoP to identify any quality issues with new data sources and review the approach to quality reporting and quality assurance within my department. Seek support from the Quality Centre in these areas where needed.
- The following support in these areas can be provided by the Quality Centre:
 - 1) [Training courses on quality](#): I will work with the Quality Centre to help tailor the training to the needs of my department.
 - 2) [Consultancy service](#): This service can provide advice to my department in overcoming any quality issues we face.

Attend Quality champion meetings and share best practice

- Attend and actively participate in quarterly champion meetings.
- Submit an agenda item or present at the quarterly champion meeting to showcase developments/practice in my department relating to quality or discuss a challenge etc.
- Build links with champions in other departments to share knowledge.

The Chair of the Quality Champion group will communicate these commitments to Heads of Profession, and ensure there are opportunities for examples of good practice to be shared and recognised at senior and working levels. This will allow greater awareness of my obligations to this group and the wider GSS and enable wider recognition of our work to maintain, improve and report on quality under the Code of Practice for Statistics.