

NI Motoring Offences National Statistics Assessment – Action Plan

The PSNI motoring offences statistics are currently undergoing assessment by the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) to determine if they fully comply with the Official Statistics Code of Practice and meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and public value. Following an initial assessment and user consultation, OSR have proposed that if the following requirements are met in full, the statistics will be awarded National Statistics status. Further details and the assessment report can be accessed at the following link - <https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/correspondence/assessment-of-psni-motoring-offence-statistics/>

The action plan below outlines how Statistics Branch proposes to achieve these. As a user of the statistics, your views are paramount in terms of how we can best achieve these requirements and improve the product and service we offer. We would therefore greatly appreciate any feedback or ideas you may have, which can be emailed to statistics@psni.police.uk

Requirement	Proposed actions
1. We consider that it would be valuable to a wider user base, as well as being more efficient for the statistics team, for the team to review these additional analysis requests, with a view to developing published statistics to pre-emptively meet these needs.	a. By mid-November 2019, review all internal and external motoring offences queries on the Statistics Branch information requests database over the last 12 months, in order to identify trends in areas or topics. These will be reviewed on an annual basis, ensuring any new common themes are identified and published where possible.
	b. Assess the viability and potential vehicles (e.g. monthly / annual reports, Open Data etc) for publishing additional information based on the most requested, to be completed mid-November 2019 to allow for additions to the Nov monthly report initially, if possible.
	c. Ongoing liaison with internal and external users including colleagues in PSNI, DfI, PCSPs and road safety groups, in relation to their primary data requirements and preferred formats. This will include face to face meetings, presentations, surveys, email and telephone contact.
2. The statistics team should set out to us how it	a. With assistance from existing users including the SPOC and DfI colleagues, seek out ongoing opportunities to identify current and new users in order to raise awareness of the motoring offences

<p>will do more to proactively identify currently unknown and or potential users of the statistics. This could include using tools like twitter to identify users and seeking to attract new users by publishing information about collaborative work they have done.</p>	<p>statistics held and the service provided by Statistics Branch.</p>
	<p>b. Analyse social media engagements to identify potential regular users, prior to the annual report in March 2020 to allow time for social media presence to establish and maximise impact of the end of year report.</p>
	<p>c. Consider if any collaborative work to date is appropriate for publication and where possible, incorporate into the new motoring offences data development plan for publication by the end of January 2020.</p>
<p>3. To add value and insight, the team should discuss or link to relevant statistics in their statistical bulletins. This will help users to understand trends in the numbers of motoring offences.</p>	<p>a. By mid-November 2019, identify wider Statistics Branch data which may be relevant to the motoring offences series for example, RSP detections, RTC figures and Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) results. Where appropriate explore any potential links between them, in order to add value to users.</p>
	<p>b. Prior to the annual report in March 2020, identify wider PSNI data such as workforce statistics, local and national campaigns which may be relevant to the motoring offences series and explore any potential links between them, in order to add value to users.</p>
	<p>c. Prior to the annual report in March 2020, identify wider external statistics or reports which may be relevant to the motoring offences series and explore any potential links between them, in order to add value to users, for example DfI statistics on cars registered, licenced drivers as well as specific problem profiles.</p>
<p>4. PSNI should publish a work plan for the statistics that covers short, medium- and longer-term developments.</p>	<p>a. Statistics Branch will publish a data development plan by the end of January 2020, to provide information on any short, medium and long-term developments to motoring offences data.</p>
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>Proposed actions</p>
<p>5. We recommend that the statistics team considers how it can be more innovative in its presentation of the statistics.</p>	<p>a. Statistics Branch will explore options to provide more innovative data presentation and formats to users on an ongoing basis, for example, maps and infographics.</p>

	b. Statistics Branch will liaise with the Good Practice Team and NISRA colleagues prior to publication of the annual report in March 2020, to ensure best practice is applied in relation to data presentation.
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