

NRLS official statistics publications: producers' roles and responsibilities

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Introduction

This document outlines the roles and responsibilities of NHS England and NHS Improvement staff involved in producing the National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS) official statistics publications. This covers three NRLS statistics:

- national patient safety incident reports ([NaPSIR](#), previously the quarterly data summaries – QDS)
- organisational patient safety incident reports ([OPSIR](#))
- [monthly summary data](#) on patient safety incident reports.¹

Lead official for statistics

NHS England and NHS Improvement employs a lead official for statistics. The lead official has responsibility for ensuring compliance with the code of practice for statistics, pre-release access orders, relevant legislation and National Statistician guidance on management information. The lead official works under formal internal line management arrangements and is accountable to NHS England and NHS Improvement. They are also responsible to the national statistician/head of the Government Statistical Service for professional integrity and the quality of their work. Further information on the roles and responsibilities of the lead official are available on the [Government Statistical Service website](#).

¹ Although not formally an official statistic this output is included here due to its similarity to the OPSIR and NaPSIR

Responsible statistician

The responsible statistician is responsible for producing official statistics and coordinating pre-release access permissions. They shall be the named contact in relation to the statistics.

Contact us for help

If you have any questions about the NRLS data collection, the published data or your organisation's data, please contact the NRLS team:

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