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To: Inequalities <Inequalities@ons.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Office for National Statistics Inequalities Data Audit

Hello

Thank you for your email about the inequalities data audit. We'd like to make the following comments and additions.

Women's Aid has a range of publications and sources of data that could be included in the audit. Our recent research publications can be found here: <https://www.womensaid.org.uk/research-and-publications/>. In addition, I'm attaching a briefing about the data sources we currently hold. Please note that this briefing is not for public circulation so we'd ask that you keep it confidential.

We'd also suggest that you include Imkaan, as an important source of information on BME women and violence against women and girls: <https://www.imkaan.org.uk/>

Finally, we'd like to make the important point that not all police forces collect all crime data that includes the gender of the perpetrator, gender of the victim or the relationship between the perpetrator and the victim. So comprehensive national data is not available on crime statistics, nor is it collected nationally from the courts to see outcome of cases. Efforts are being made to change this.

We hope this is all useful for your audit.

Best wishes

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From: Inequalities [<mailto:Inequalities@ons.gov.uk>]

Sent: 19 January 2018 15:41

To: Info <info@womensaid.org.uk>

Subject: Office for National Statistics Inequalities Data Audit

Afternoon,

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is conducting an audit of data and analysis relating to inequalities in the UK in order to better map what's available and where gaps exist. Our initial focus is on the nine 'protected characteristics' of the Equality Act 2010 including: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation. We are keen to draw on expertise from across the Government Statistical Service (GSS) and beyond and are using a crowd-sourcing approach to develop the initial work we've done within ONS. As well as creating a better understanding of the data available, we also hope to develop a helpful resource for a wide range of people interested in analysis of inequalities in the UK.

The audit focuses on data and publications from 2012 to late 2017 covering the UK or one or more of its constituent jurisdictions. Please open the spreadsheet attached to this email to access the audit. It lists data sources alphabetically with columns relating to each of the nine protected

characteristics of the Equality Act. There is a separate tab for other useful sources, such as websites containing information related to a particular characteristic rather than a single source.

Please send your comments and additions to inequalities@ons.gov.uk by **25th January**.

The following are some specific questions you might like to consider in your response:

- Can you make improvements to the information currently included?
- Are there other key data sources not yet included? The audit currently focuses on government statistics but if there are other data sources you think should be included, please let us know (Government funded, academic etc).
- What gaps would you highlight in the data currently available?
- The current format has been chosen simply to collate this information; we hope to display this information differently in the future. In terms of the format, are all the variables useful? Should we include any additional information? How could the format be improved?
- Is there anyone or specific organisations with specific subject knowledge that you think we would benefit from their input?

If you have any questions, please get in touch with us at inequalities@ons.gov.uk.