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Subject: Customer Update: proposed changes to geographical coverage of VS4 and VS4d

Dear all,

Customers who were sent VS4 and VS4d tables for 2012 data had an information note attached to the email used to distribute the data tables. The information note informed customers of a proposed change to the geographical coverage of VS4 and VS4d tables produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Note attached here for reference: (See attached file: Information note on options for VS4 v2.docx)

To date, ONS has distributed VS4 and VS4d tables to 85 customers. Four responses to the information note have been received (responses were only requested if a customer was not content with the proposal).

Following further consideration, ONS are planning to produce VS4 and VS4d tables by ward for 2013 data, so there will be no change for 2013 data. Once the new ONS Life Events Data Repository which is being developed is in use and the ONS data explorer has been tried and tested on life events data, then ONS plan to start reprogramming the VS4 and VS4d tables so that they are produced using MSOA. This will enable comparability over time within the data explorer. This will potentially be for 2014 data onwards.

Kind regards

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