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Subject : [Re: Official Sensitive - Do Not Forward - Recorded Crime in Scotland - Technical Report - update](#)

Thanks for sending us the extract to review. I've made some general comments below, but I've also attached an annotated version of the extract, which includes some more detailed points.

- We can see that there has been some progress in trying to address the requirements from the assessment report, but feel like there is still work to do in order to fully meet them. The most important thing to think about is your story-telling and narrative. What are the most important and interesting stories that you want people to take away from the statistics? What is the best way to structure the overall release and the individual paragraphs to help tell these stories?
- To help tell the story, you could consider whether there are more everyday terms that you could be using, rather than the specific terminology that's used to record crime. E.g. could you call non-sexual violent crimes just violent crime? You can explain what it covers in an introductory sentence for the relevant section of the release, so this would make it clear that it doesn't include sexual crimes.
- It's great that you've included information from the SCJS, but it still feels quite separate to the statistics on recorded crime. Could you try to combine the two sets of information in the commentary? This would help to present a more comprehensive and coherent story on what is happening to crime in Scotland. It might be useful to look at the section "Latest headline figures from the CSEW and police recorded crime" in the England and Wales release: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/crime-stats/crime-statistics/period-ending-june-2014/stb-crime-stats--year-ending-june-2014.html#tab-Summary> http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/dcp171778_380538.pdf
- A lot of the extract focuses on the local authority analysis, most of which looks at the change in crime over the last year. Is there a danger of drawing attention to very small changes? The longer trend would be more interesting. Or a higher level discussion of geographic differences in crime (for example rural vs urban). Chart 4 helps to show the diversity of changes across the ten year period (-29% to -54% is a big difference), but 31 local authorities is a lot to include in one chart.
- We'd quite like to see the key points section, when this has been written.

As we've only seen an extract of the release, it's difficult to understand how all the pieces will fit together. Some of our comments might relate to things that have been addressed elsewhere in the release. We'd also be interested in knowing if the following things are dealt with in the release:

- How will offences be treated in the release? Will you look at the overall picture of crime and offences together?
- Do you explain why these statistics are important? How are they used?
- What level of uncertainty is there in the data? Can you quantify this in any way for your users?
- Where should users go to find out more information? (detailed data tables, quality reports, methodological info, related statistics, etc)

We're happy to discuss any of this, so please do get in touch if you want to talk through anything.

Regards

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From:

[REDACTED]

Date: 13/11/2014 20:11

Subject: RE: Official Sensitive - Do Not Forward - Recorded Crime in Scotland - Technical Report - update

Hi [REDACTED]

UKSA Assessment of Recorded Crime in Scotland

Thank you once again for reviewing the technical report and the extract from the statistical bulletin.

The purpose of this email is to ask you to send any comments to my colleague [REDACTED] (cc'd) and copied to myself, as I shall be out of the office until Monday 24 November.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Justice Analytical Services
Scottish Government

[REDACTED]

From:

Sent: 11 November 2014 17:30

To:

[REDACTED]

- Do Not Forward - Recorded Crime in Scotland - Technical Report

Hi [REDACTED]

UKSA Assessment of Recorded Crime in Scotland

Further to our earlier email correspondence to-day, thank you both once again for reviewing the extract from the statistical bulletin and the technical report.

Technical Report

Please find attached a copy of the Technical Report entitled "Recorded Crime: Comparability of Police Scotland and Legacy Force Data".

<< File: Recorded Crime - 2013-14 - Technical Report.docx >>

You will see that in this version of the Technical Report, there are a few sections of text which are highlighted in yellow. These identify those sections where relevant links to the User Guide and to the forthcoming Recorded Crime in Scotland bulletin are to be provided, and where confirmation of a number is required from Police Scotland.

Please also note the 'Official Sensitive' marking on this document.

Statistical bulletin

I shall also send you, under pre-release access and under separate cover, a draft section of the Recorded Crime in Scotland, 2013-14 bulletin, for you to consider the type of commentary and graphs/charts which we have been developing, taking account of best practice guidance as well as experience from across the SG.

As I mentioned , the bulletin is our priority for comments as this needs to be with our publishers in advance of the other related documents which we are further developing and finalising. As we have stated previously, we also intend to consult on the bulletin after publication to assess where users would like further development.

I look forward to receiving your comments on the Technical Report by the end of this week/early next week, if possible, please.

Could I ask that you also include my colleague [REDACTED] (cc'd) in your reply, please.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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