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**Subject:** your document released today

James, Nigel,

Hi. Can you please direct me to where i can see this information - where are the "warning boxes" and the "comprehensive explanation of the range of quality information" I downloaded the pdf narrative with MYE2020, and the local authority level spreadsheets, and did not see this. "In response to the OSR review, we made several changes to the mid-2020 population estimates release to assist users in understanding the quality of population estimates. These changes included the use of warning boxes to highlight specific issues with the estimates and a more comprehensive explanation of the range of quality information available alongside each release of the mid-year estimates."

Thanks

Kind regards

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 27 July 2021 09:06  
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**Subject:** FW: User engagement event: ONS future plans for population estimates and projections

Dear All,

Please see the offer below from the Office for National Statistics, which is due to publish its response to OSR's review of population estimates and projections later this week. The team is running a briefing session on Thursday to discuss its response with users, which you can sign up to using the Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/future-plans-for-research-on-population-estimates-and-projections-tickets-164825941829>

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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Dear all,

I am writing to let you know that on Thursday 29 July we will be publishing our future plans for population estimates and projections and responding to the OSR review of population estimates and projections. In our publication, letter and accompanying blog we will explain and invite feedback on our future plans. We will subsequently provide updates on our progress to meet OSR's recommendations between now and May 2022 and we will publish a timeline of planned work with our next update. Our transformation work continues to evolve and there will be further updates in the future.

To give a fuller briefing on these plans, take questions and receive feedback we are also arranging an online session at 1pm on Thursday 29 July. To register for this and receive information on how to join please use our [Eventbrite page](#). Should you wish to contact us about this please email [pop.info@ons.gov.uk](mailto:pop.info@ons.gov.uk). We recognise that many people are unavailable at this time of year and so may be unable to attend the online session, but we are open to feedback and questions at any time, so please feel free to email us if you would like to provide feedback.

Kind regards,  
Nigel Henretty

**Nigel Henretty** | [Centre for Ageing and Demography](#) | Office for National Statistics

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**Subject:** RE: User engagement event: ONS future plans for population estimates and projections

Hi Nigel,

Thanks for this – I think this is a great idea. I will forward on the invite to the relevant contacts and I would imagine they will be interested in taking up the offer.

A meeting to discuss the MHCLG angle would be good as its also something we've been discussing internally with Ed Humpherson about what OSR should be doing in this space, given lots of the concerns being raised to us are more around MHCLG's use of this data. I can look in calendars and set something up.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** User engagement event: ONS future plans for population estimates and projections

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope you are doing well. Ahead of our publication of future plans for population estimates and projections on Thursday 29 July, we would like to write back to the original signatories of the CPRE letter of November 2020 and those who contributed to your review to let them know that we will be publishing information on our plans, including our activities relating to the recommendations of the review. As part of this, we'd also like to invite those stakeholders and our wider stakeholders to a short briefing session where we will provide an overview of our plans and an opportunity for attendees to provide feedback and ask questions.

Therefore, please can you extend the invitation below to the signatories of the CPRE letter and the contributors to the review (much like you did around the time of the mid-year estimates)?

On a separate, but related topic, we spoke to [REDACTED] one of the contributors to the review, earlier. [REDACTED] raised some interesting points around the MHCLG use of 2014-based Household Projections in the light of the review. I wonder if we could set some time aside to discuss this in the next couple of weeks? I get the impression we're going to be pushed more by users to say that MHCLG shouldn't be using the 2014-based projections, so would be good to discuss our options here in the context of regulatory work.

Many thanks,  
Nigel

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Kind regards,  
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**Sent:** 01 July 2021 12:26

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: WHBC Letter to ONS - Population Estimates

Hi [REDACTED]

Here's the fuller answer I mentioned:

Thank you for your email and attached letter regarding the selection of areas to review the mid-year population estimates, in accordance with the OSR's review of population estimates and projections. We appreciate for your interest in this and for the information that you kindly provided. We are currently assessing potential research activities to conduct to help meet the review's recommendations, and we will report our proposed activity to OSR by the end of July.

We will also do work to determine which areas to review as part of case studies or "deep dives" into population estimates at the local authority level, and in doing so will determine some criteria for ascertaining which areas to review. The information you have provided will be useful in that work, and we will report back with regards to the areas to be selected and further engagement with those who would like to be involved.

Thanks again for your interest in this.

If you need anything further please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** 24 June 2021 15:39

**To:** Pop Info <[pop.info@ons.gov.uk](mailto:pop.info@ons.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: WHBC Letter to ONS - Population Estimates

Many thanks [REDACTED]

**From:** Pop Info [<mailto:pop.info@ons.gov.uk>]

**Sent:** 24 June 2021 14:25

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: WHBC Letter to ONS - Population Estimates

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Dear [REDACTED]

I can confirm that we have received your letter.

We will provide a fuller answer once the relevant colleagues have completed work around tomorrow's release of the [mid-2020 population estimates](#) and associated publications.

If you need anything further please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

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**Cc:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FW: WHBC Letter to ONS - Population Estimates

Dear Sir or Madam

I enclose a letter relating to the recent review and findings by the Office for Statistics Regulations into population mid-year estimates and students. We understand that ONS have been asked to carry out a study and the letter requests that the borough of Welwyn Hatfield be included in any such study.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of the letter.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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By email to: [pop.info@ons.gov.uk](mailto:pop.info@ons.gov.uk)

Dear Sir/Madam,

**OSR Review of population estimates and projections produced by the Office for National Statistics**

I am writing to you in relation to the recent report produced by the Office for Statistics Regulation, regarding concerns raised about the accuracy of the ONS mid-year population estimates and projections for Coventry - in particular, surrounding the student population and the impact of this on migration figures.

We are, at present, part way through our Local Plan examination. As a green belt authority, trying to meet our needs for housing, employment and other growth in a constrained area is challenging and accurate data is extremely important.

Welwyn Hatfield has a large student population, being home to both the University of Hertfordshire and the Royal Veterinary College which, we understand, makes estimation of the population for the borough all the more complex. Historically there has been an overestimation of the scale of population growth in the borough - the 2011 Census showed that the mid-year estimates between 2001 and 2011 had overestimated population growth by around 8,000 persons.

The mid-year estimates produced for the years since 2011 have also caused some concern, particularly when investigating the age-specific migration data, which indicates a much lower level of international emigration of the student aged population compared with immigration. We are aware that the ONS have sought to improve their methodology in recent years, in particular with regards to data around out migration, which did result in the mid-year estimates for Welwyn Hatfield being revised downwards. The change from 2017 in relation to internal migration and the introduction of the Higher Education Leavers Methodology (HELM) also had a significant impact for Welwyn Hatfield which, under the new methodology, saw the 4th largest decrease in net internal migration of all local authorities. However, Welwyn Hatfield's estimated population increase since the 2011 census remains high (in percentage terms the borough's growth in population of 11.1% between 2011 and 2019 is 24th highest of 382 Local Authorities).

I understand that the ONS will be looking into the issues associated with areas with large student populations further and we wanted to raise our concerns with the data for Welwyn Hatfield. We request that we be included in this study and that we are kept informed of the findings of this study. I look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely

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**Subject:** RE: User engagement report - lines to take

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for following that one up with SET.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 14 April 2021 17:00  
**To:** Robards, James <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: User engagement report - lines to take

Hi James,

Yes of course, I'll keep you informed of what they say either way.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** Robards, James <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
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**Subject:** RE: User engagement report - lines to take

Hi [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Thanks, if they send the lines on the OSR review to you then please do forward to me as well.

Best wishes

James

**From:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
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**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Robards, James <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: User engagement report - lines to take



Hi James,

Thanks very much for your comments. I have incorporated these into the document.

As you suggest, I have contacted SET to find out if they have anything around the OSR review. I will let you know if they are unable to provide anything.

Many thanks

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**Subject:** RE: User engagement report - lines to take

Hi James,

Thanks for your comments, these are helpful.

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Please let me know if you would like to discuss or need help with anything.

Thanks

Best wishes

██████████  
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**Sent:** 14 April 2021 13:43

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**Cc:** ██████████ ██████████ ██████████@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: User engagement report - lines to take

Hi ██████████

Thanks for sending these; they work well. I included some tracked changes.

The main one is around the OSR review and making sure we can get what SET already developed on that one. They should be able to send that to us – if they can't then let me know.

Best wishes

James

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**Sent:** 14 April 2021 08:43

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**Subject:** User engagement report - lines to take

Morning James,

██████████ and I have drafted some 'lines to take' in relation to the user engagement report, saved [here](#). We'd be grateful for your thoughts on these and if you think there is anything that should be amended or added to them.

Many thanks

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**Subject:** RE: UKSA Review on Population/LHN Note

Thanks Rich, this will be helpful on both points. Thank you and look forward to talking to you shortly.

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**Subject:** RE: UKSA Review on Population/LHN Note

Morning <>

I've asked <> from Office for Statistics Regulation to send over any further developed thoughts they have on scope and timing of their review. She should get it to me before 10 hopefully.

We've also invited someone from her team to attend the meeting – hopefully that is ok by you?

Speak soon,

**Rich Pereira** | Deputy Director, [Centre for Ageing and Demography](#), Public Policy Analysis

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Thanks [REDACTED]

It's definitely worth the chat in the morning. However, on Q1 be aware that OSR need to answer this themselves. They are setting the scope and timeline. Obviously we in ONS are intending to engage fully with the review when it happens.

I'll try and find out from [REDACTED] what the latest thinking is, before the meeting.

Speak tomorrow.

Rich

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**Subject:** RE: UKSA Review on Population/LHN Note

Hi Rich,

Thanks for getting back to us so promptly and agreeing to meet tomorrow morning. There is lot of question being asked to different Minister/Seniors but I'll try and summarise as best possible.

Ministers/Seniors are being asked;

1. When will the UKSA review happen and what is the timeline for its implementation and completion.
2. What does this means for ONS Population Stats, (Mid-Year, Population projection), are they still valid.
3. What does this means for household projection and subsequently for LA that are currently using this to question planning decision.
4. What does this means for the revised Local housing need formula (Urban and Cities Areas Uplift and HHP).
5. Will any of the stats be revised?

Overall, I think there two schools of questions;

What this means for MHCLG housing polices (such as LHN)

What does this mean at LA level where development decisions are being made (or not where the case may be) and this is being used to slow down development. There is also quite a group saying to LAs and MPs that population estimates are too high for their areas and the area doesn't require this much development.

What [REDACTED] and I are looking to do is brief the Housing Minister (through a note (Due Thursday) and potentially verbal briefing) on this. What would be helpful to know from yourselves is the timeline and the scope of review, how far back and through the population stats, household stats (and

other stats) this could apply to and if there is a revision policy. I haven't ever worked on a stats review myself so it would be helpful to understand process through this. Furthermore, I think it would be helpful to understand the detail of this too- what part of the population estimates are being questioned (ie is it the hospital record, death rates etc).

Hopefully that clear and provides a rough agenda for tomorrow conversation. If you have any reading/blogs/insight that you think answer some of this or could be helpful to see prior to this meeting feel free to send across.

Many Thanks

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**Subject:** RE: UKSA Review on Population/LHN Note

Hi all – I can make this and happy to join in. █ – any chance you can send over the questions being asked?

Thanks

█ – please can you set up a meeting for 10am tomorrow including the people on this circulation.

Ta

Rich

**Rich Pereira** | Deputy Director, [Centre for Ageing and Demography](#), Public Policy Analysis

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**Subject:** RE: UKSA Review on Population/LHN Note

Hi █

Have cc'd to James Robards as he is now our projections lead.

Thanks,

Andrew

**Andrew Nash** | Topic Lead for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, [Centre for Ageing and Demography](#),

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**Subject:** UKSA Review on Population/LHN Note  
**Importance:** High

Hi Nigel, Andrew,

As you may be aware, following issues with CPRE questioning Coventry population estimates, the UKSA have decided to do a full review of the population stats produced by ONS.

Our Secretary of State / Housing Minister have received PQs and other questions on this. Given the slight urgency on this we would be very grateful if we could arrange a quick 20 to 30 minute meeting **tomorrow 10 February 2021** (if possible) to discuss the scope/timescales of the review and what this will likely mean for the statistics.

Let me know if you're available or if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

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Rich

I just checked in with the new project lead – [REDACTED]

Regarding the scope -

We are focusing initially on reviewing the quality of the population statistics with a view to publish our findings in March. When we do this, we will also set out our plans for any further review that we feel is necessary based on our findings (e.g. we may decide to look at the wider implications of the quality of population statistics on other statistics and policies).

We have been speaking with demographers and migration experts this week to inform our research. The questions we are looking to answer are:

- Are the methods and data sources underpinning the statistics fit for the purpose?
- Are concerns raised about accuracy of the statistics limited to areas with particular characteristics and/or to particular types of local planning decisions?
- Does the ONS provide mechanisms for users to challenge, with evidence, the accuracy of the statistics and how is this evidence acted upon where it points to exceptional circumstances?

Once we have concluded these meeting, we will arrange sessions with ONS and MHCLG, likely early March, to share our thinking and discuss things further.

Hopefully this will be helpful in advance of your meeting.

Many thanks

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**From:** Pereira, Rich ██████████ [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@ons.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 09 February 2021 17:24

**To:** ██████████ <██████████ [statistics.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@ons.gov.uk)>

**Cc:** Robards, James ██████████ [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@ons.gov.uk)>; Henretty, Nigel

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**Subject:** FW: UKSA Review on Population/LHN Note

Hi ██████████

I'm meeting with MHCLG in the morning as they are getting questions about the pop stats review.

Have you anything further I can share on Q1 below? Is thinking over scope and timing more developed yet?

Many thanks!

Rich

**Rich Pereira** | Deputy Director, [Centre for Ageing and Demography](https://Centre for Ageing and Demography), Public Policy Analysis

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**From:** ██████████ <████████████████████>

**Sent:** 09 February 2021 17:18

**To:** Pereira, Rich ██████████ [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@ons.gov.uk)>; Nash, Andrew ██████████ [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@ons.gov.uk)>;

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Cc: ██████████ H <██████████@ons.gov.uk>  
Subject: RE: UKSA Review on Population/LHN Note

Hi Rich,

Thanks for getting back to us so promptly and agreeing to meet tomorrow morning. There is a lot of question being asked to different Ministers/Seniors but I'll try and summarise as best possible.

Ministers/Seniors are being asked;

1. When will the UKSA review happen and what is the timeline for its implementation and completion.
2. What does this mean for ONS Population Stats, (Mid-Year, Population projection), are they still valid.
3. What does this mean for household projection and subsequently for LA that are currently using this to question planning decisions.
4. What does this mean for the revised Local housing need formula (Urban and Cities Areas Uplift and HHP).
5. Will any of the stats be revised?

Overall, I think there are two schools of questions;

What this means for MHCLG housing policies (such as LHN)

What does this mean at LA level where development decisions are being made (or not where the case may be) and this is being used to slow down development. There is also quite a group saying to LAs and MPs that population estimates are too high for their areas and the area doesn't require this much development.

What ██████████ and I are looking to do is brief the Housing Minister (through a note (Due Thursday) and potentially verbal briefing) on this. What would be helpful to know from yourselves is the timeline and the scope of review, how far back and through the population stats, household stats (and other stats) this could apply to and if there is a revision policy. I haven't ever worked on a stats review myself so it would be helpful to understand the process through this. Furthermore, I think it would be helpful to understand the detail of this too- what part of the population estimates are being questioned (ie is it the hospital record, death rates etc).

Hopefully that is clear and provides a rough agenda for tomorrow's conversation. If you have any reading/blogs/insight that you think answer some of this or could be helpful to see prior to this meeting feel free to send across.

Many Thanks

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 10 February 2021 08:07  
**To:** Pereira, Rich <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Robards, James <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Henretty, Nigel <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: UKSA Review on Population/LHN Note

Hi Rich,

I'll get something over to you before the meeting at 10. Just need to check on something and I'm aware Nigel spoke with my colleague yesterday afternoon.

Thanks

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 20 July 2021 15:51  
**To:** Robards, James <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Tracker

Hi James, we'll probably run through this quickly when we meet but sending you a link to the publishing hub so that you can access the track tomorrow should you need to => [Publishing hub](#) . You should have editor access.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 20 July 2021 11:33  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>



**Cc:** Robards, James <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: OSR response due for publication 26/07

Hi,

You can create a non-market sensitive tracker from the [Publishing hub](#). When you click through to create the tracker, there are links to guidance at the top of the page which should guide you through it.

The letter can be submitted as a General request, also from the link above. There is no need for a calendar entry as this does not need to be announced. It will be published here: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/news/statementsandletters/staticlist> and you can specify in the request when you'd like it to be published and we can schedule it.

I'm not exactly sure about the blog, as we don't deal with that. Hopefully [REDACTED] and Maggie have done this before and know how to go about it!

I haven't got Nigel listed as one of Rich's delegates so he wouldn't be able to sign off. If he should be a delegate, could you email [publishing@ons.gov.uk](mailto:publishing@ons.gov.uk) and ask them to update the list? You'll also need your DD (or delegate) to email publishing with the names of everyone needed to be added to a preview team.

I think that's covers everything! Let me know if there's anything else.

Thanks,

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**Sent:** 20 July 2021 11:01

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Cc:** Robards, James <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** OSR response due for publication 26/07

Hi [REDACTED]

As our contact in publishing for this release, are you able to help with a few questions please.

I wanted to create the tracker entry, are you able to send the tracker database link to me please. I may need to ask for your help in doing this if it's not intuitive!

The article will be uploaded to the tracker either late tomorrow or first thing Thursday morning.

We are also publishing two additional items:

1. A blog, which [REDACTED] and Maggie are helping with. I understand they will arrange publication of this
2. And a letter which will be from Jonathan Athrow to Ed Humpherson. I understand I need to create an entry on the publishing planner 48 hours before, so first thing Thursday. Is this a new entry on the planner, separate to the article entry? And do I create a new tracker entry for the letter or does it go on the article tracker entry? And finally, do you know where the letter gets published? Is it on the same page as the article?



Thanks. I'll send it shortly.

On Thursday 29 July at 9:30 we need to publish the letter from Jonathan to Ed Humpherson alongside an article and blog outlining how we are responding to an OSR review of population estimates and projections.

Best wishes

James

**From:** [REDACTED] [Statistics.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 23 July 2021 12:13  
**To:** [REDACTED] [ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Time on Monday for Jonathan to review letter from ONS to OSR

Hi James,

Yes absolutely, I can add this to Jonathan's list for action on Monday. Please can you send the link to his inbox and copy me in, and I'll add this to the list to brief him first thing on Monday. Are we responding to an urgent deadline?

Many thanks,

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**Sent:** 23 July 2021 11:00  
**To:** [REDACTED] [Statistics.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Time on Monday for Jonathan to review letter from ONS to OSR

Hi [REDACTED]

Please can you notify Jonathan Athrow that we need him to approve a letter to OSR on Monday when he returns from leave. I understand from Nigel Henretty that this is something you can help with. Please can you let me know this is ok and when I should send a link to this and who to.

Thanks.

With best wishes,

James

**Dr James Robards** | Head of Population and Household Projections, [Centre for Ageing and Demography](https://www.ons.gov.uk/about-us/centres-for-ageing-and-demography)

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**From:** Robards, James

**Sent:** 12 July 2021 15:14

**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: Teams meeting [REDACTED]

Ok – thanks [REDACTED]

It is 'Discuss possible event on OSR review of population estimates and projections'.

Please can you send it from [REDACTED]

Best wishes

James

**From:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 12 July 2021 15:10

**To:** Robards, James [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: Teams meeting [REDACTED]

I can do it James, but I need to know what it is for?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

**From:** Robards, James [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 12 July 2021 14:50

**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Teams meeting [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]

Please can you help – I'm looking to setup a 30 minute Teams meeting with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] over the next couple of days / this week. I'm due to be on leave tomorrow but can spare 30mins for this if it is the only time. Thanks.

With best wishes,

James

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**From:** Robards, James  
**Sent:** 26 August 2021 13:58  
**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Team report for P&MSD management board

Hi [REDACTED]

I included this one in the team report after your email (but didn't reply). Never too late to add to it.

Best wishes

James

**From:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 03 August 2021 09:03  
**To:** Robards, James <[James.Robards@ons.gov.uk](mailto:James.Robards@ons.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Team report for P&MSD management board

Hi James,

I expect this has been sent off now but just in case it doesn't go until you're back, maybe you could add 'Briefing and Q&A held' to the list of outputs for the OSR review. I see it's mentioned below in external meetings but probably worth mentioning above.

Thanks

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**From:** Robards, James [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 30 July 2021 16:40  
**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Team report for P&MSD management board

Hi all,

Each month I am providing a team report to [REDACTED]

For our July team report I have the following listed.

Do you have any suggested changes or additions?

Best wishes

James

**July 2021**

**Key points:**

- NPPs - OGD user engagement started on 22 July at a launch event on development of assumptions and planned outputs. Drafting of business cases to be used with NRS, NISRA and WG. Templates have been prepared to be sent out to DAs.
- OSR review - drafting of response and publication on 29 July. Letter, article and blog completed.
- HHPs - further development of the coding for constraining and resolution of the minimum adult and child checks.

- Integrated Statistical Design Working Group - completion of slides on our current system.
- Variant projections user guide - drafting of a plan, timescales and contact made with some users on the potential to include them as case studies.

**All external meetings:**

- Health projections group (HALE led) - Friday 2 July.
- OSR - Tuesday 6 July.
- [REDACTED] - Tuesday 20 July.
- DWP - 21 July.
- OGD NPP event on 22 July - User engagement on 2020-based interim national population projections outputs.
- Oxford / Cherwell group - Monday 26 July.
- ONS-led briefing plus Q&A on OSR response – Thursday 29 July.

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**From:** Robards, James

**Sent:** 14 July 2021 15:45

**To:** Barton, Susan [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Cc:** Stickney, Chris [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; MSDPSD.Stakeholders <[MPSD.Stakeholders@ons.gov.uk](mailto:MPSD.Stakeholders@ons.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: Stakeholder Support - OSR activity

Hi Susan,

Yes, your list is complete – I cannot see anything missing.

We are working on Comms at the moment but I am not sure how active we are to be and if we use Twitter – I would suggest that we do. [REDACTED] is working on this today and we'll discuss this tomorrow.

Thanks.

Best wishes

James

**From:** Barton, Susan [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 14 July 2021 14:20

**To:** Robards, James [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Cc:** Stickney, Chris [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; MSDPSD.Stakeholders <[MPSD.Stakeholders@ons.gov.uk](mailto:MPSD.Stakeholders@ons.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Stakeholder Support - OSR activity

Hi James

Could you please check I've captured everything you needed below and add anything you've since thought of or I may have missed. I'll speak to the team in tomorrow's catch up to see who will take what forward and then meet up with you to go through the relevant and more detailed event planners to capture additional information and to understand our timeframe for each component.

To summarise our conversations around the w/c 26 July events from this morning :

You are publishing the response to the OSR report simultaneously on the ONS and OSR website on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July

- Letter from Jonathan Athow to Ed Humpherson being co-published on OSR and ONS websites
- Response to OSR
- Blog by Rich

You'll be running 2 events on 29<sup>th</sup> July to allow users the opportunity to discuss and invite feedback:

- In the morning a one hour session (est 09:30 – 10:00) with an invited list of stakeholders – to include those on the original letter to OSR and ONS delegates
- In the afternoon an open one hour session (est 13:30 – 14:00) advertised more widely and bookable by Eventbrite

You need SET support to:

- Share the publications with wider users – Gov Delivery and other channels
- Send communications to specific users – pop.info
- Set up the Eventbrite invitations for 2 events
- Set up Slido for events
- Set up 2 virtual events using Microsoft Teams
- Support the running of both events
- Publicise the events on 29<sup>th</sup> July using GovDelivery and other channels

We didn't mention social media today. Is there a plan for the Tweeting statistician's accounts – you can cover this on your stakeholder planning template discussions with the team, or let us know if this is something you/Rich will be asking [REDACTED] to work on so that we don't duplicate.

Thanks

Best wishes

Susan

**Susan Barton** | Head of Stakeholder Engagement Team

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**From:** Henretty, Nigel [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 25 June 2021 10:55

**To:** Harris, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Park, Neil <neil.park@ons.gov.uk>; Robards, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; MSDPSD.Stakeholders <MPSD.Stakeholders@ons.gov.uk>; Stickney, Chris [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Stakeholder engagement around mid-year estimates and other publications 25/06/2021

Hi James,

Thanks for the follow-up. Everything's gone out nicely this morning thanks and no doubt there will be further engagement from various people as they digest the numbers!

Susan and Chris, are we now happy with the list of stakeholders given James' update? I don't think we have any more to add to that so I think we're good to go.

Thanks,

Nigel

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**From:** Harris, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 25 June 2021 10:07

**To:** Henretty, Nigel [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Park, Neil [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Robards, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; MSDPSD.Stakeholders <MPSD.Stakeholders@ons.gov.uk>; Stickney, Chris [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Stakeholder engagement around mid-year estimates and other publications 25/06/2021

Morning all,

Presume the publication went well this morning? Hopefully you've heard from [REDACTED] in my team about a couple of sentences for our newsletter today.

Contacting on the emails below to ask whether emails were circulated or decisions made on it, and also to give you a new name. We specifically asked WMCA who their demographic lead was, and Rebecca responded that their best contact was [REDACTED] who works for City-REDI (which has very close ties with WMCA and in which [REDACTED] is herself a director) [REDACTED]. Thus she would be my suggested primary contact for your purposes, followed by [REDACTED] then [REDACTED]'s office, then the other names below.

Hope you're having a good day, or weekend to come,

James.

**From:** Henretty, Nigel [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 22 June 2021 17:48

**To:** Harris, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Park, Neil [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Robards, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; MSDPSD.Stakeholders <MPSD.Stakeholders@ons.gov.uk>; Stickney, Chris [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>



**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Stakeholder engagement around mid-year estimates and other publications  
25/06/2021

Hi James,

Thanks for the detailed reply. Really helpful and much appreciated.

All fair questions about the outcomes and what change will happen as a result. Part of the reason for offering these discussions is to work out what users' questions and suggestions are. I would hope we can answer most questions about rationale and method, and if there are suggestions made to us then we can discuss it and get back to them about what is possible. Even if it's not possible for us to change anything, getting to that point is better than not having engaged with people at all, and that's in line with OSR's recommendations to us in the recent review population statistics, so I think worthwhile on balance.

As a rule I think we want to invite both the regional bodies and the individual LAs which are particularly interested, so both Greater Manchester and the city of Manchester, likewise West Midlands and Coventry. Even if the LA of Coventry doesn't take us up on our offer, it would be good to identify a contact and make the offer. I also like your line to the combined authorities about acknowledging that you meet regularly with them and that we're also doing a bit of extra engagement on top (suggest separate draft for Manchester and West Midlands to get that point across).

Also for the West Midlands, I think we should sent the invitation email to your suggestion of [REDACTED] but also copy the email to [REDACTED] given that he was one of the signatories of the letter to UKSA.

Andy, are you happy to use all that to finalise the list and do a at draft email(s)? If there are still some LAs like Oxford, Guildford and Telford where we don't have a suitable contact, James' suggestion of liaising with [REDACTED] is a great shout.

James R, I assume OSR haven't replied re respondents to the review, but if they do before the end of tomorrow do shout.

Thanks,

Nigel

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**From:** Harris, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 22 June 2021 13:32

**To:** Henretty, Nigel [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Park, Neil [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Robards, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; MSDPSD.Stakeholders <[MPSD.Stakeholders@ons.gov.uk](mailto:MPSD.Stakeholders@ons.gov.uk)>; Stickney, Chris [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Stakeholder engagement around mid-year estimates and other publications  
25/06/2021

Hi everyone,

Catching up on my emails as I was on leave yesterday.

To your suggestion, I think it's a welcome gesture, and typically they like this sort of outreach. However, as I said in previous conversations: only do it if you'll achieve an outcome. Will you be able to explain things? Will you be able to change things? Will you be able to take on board

comments for next year's results? Or are you merely phoning them to say "those were the numbers, live with it, there's nothing more we can do"? The biggest qualm we've heard as feedback – for all ONS outputs not just yours – has been that "ONS is willing to hear what people say, but seems to do literally nothing with it, they just do what they were going to do anyway with a very broad-brush and little local insight". In one instance with Manchester, that led to somewhat vigorous bristled debate.

To what Neil said, yes, typically it takes at least a few hours to ingest the latest published information. London, for example, creates a "Labour Market Briefing" after each of our monthly releases which gets circulated about four hours after publication. If you're publishing on a Friday then I would say to wait until the following week at least, yes, but I wouldn't leave it too long. Wait days rather than weeks otherwise the topic goes cold.

To what Nigel said: the only signatory of the Coventry letter was [REDACTED] himself, CC an MP in MHCLG, nobody in Coventry itself mentioned. I have a copy here.

Regards contacting people, be aware that we call each of the Combined Authorities once per month. Not that that should necessarily change what you are doing, but if you do call people like GM or West Midlands, it would be good if you could at the very least name-check our team during the call (eg "We know that our Centre for Subnational Analysis has regular phonecalls with your authority, and following-up on our presentation at their latest Liaison Group, we thought we'd reach out to you..."). It would be nice if one of us could be part of the call, mainly as an observer, especially as some of my team are new and would appreciate the experience, but realise that adds complication so by all means have your own direct conversation without us if you think that's best.

Regards contacts, James gave some good ones already. Question whether you want the individual authorities, or regional bodies, or both? For example: Manchester city itself has qualms, Greater Manchester also has qualms, and in theory GM should cover the City's point of view, but in practise they don't really. The city would probably like to be contacted itself as well, perhaps Salford would too, but the other 8 boroughs of GM probably wouldn't engage.

Neil Townsend's team has recently wrapped up Census engagement with every local authority, so they have named contacts who worked with every single authority. If you need a contact, he'd be a good person to go through as they'll likely have specific demographic lead names in each authority as they were having to deal with them.

## Cambridge

[REDACTED] is the demographic lead, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is the Combined Authority's head of research [REDACTED]

## Greater Manchester:

As James R said, at the working level (SRO/G7 level) it is:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

At the strategic level (DD) it is:

[REDACTED]

For the city itself, James suggested [REDACTED] there is also [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

## Guildford

No specific contact.

## Oxford

Contact in the OxCam LEP, but probably not who you'd want

## Telford and Wrekin

We have a name from the LEP of the wider area, but not the authority itself ( [REDACTED] )

## West Midlands

- You've suggested the Mayor himself ([REDACTED] recently re-elected), or his Press Officer, but is that really who you want? I'd say probably not.
- Our main contact is [REDACTED] for the Combined Authority
- [REDACTED] has been our contact for Coventry Council and raised issues with population, although it's been a while since we've spoken with him
- At the two calls we had with [REDACTED] back in August/September last year, he brought a member of Coventry council into the call which I don't think was [REDACTED] it was somebody else, however that meeting invite doesn't explicitly list this extra person and my memory doesn't recall
- Older contacts (from 2018) for Coventry if the two above don't work:  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Regards other potential authorities:

- Has any authority been noticeably hit by Brexit? Big contingent of EU nationals having now emigrated? Those are the kinds of places most likely to raise concerns.
- London wasn't in your list but I imagine you do plenty of engagement with them already. [REDACTED] is your man there. We have specific contacts in each authority if you wanted them.
- In the past Slough has had plenty to say.
- Forest Heath was always one of your statistically difficult areas?
- Essex have a very big data contingency but I don't think they have much to say about population.

In reality most local areas struggle to have enough resources to formally complain about our outputs even if they wanted to, so it's likely there are some areas that would like to engage but don't have the time or resources to do so.

I'll ask my team in our team meeting shortly whether any of the other authorities has raised issues.

Took me a while to prepare this email, hope it helps,

James.

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**Sent:** 22 June 2021 11:44

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Hi Neil,

That's a good suggestion, especially as media enquiries are so time-bound and so will need to take priority. Our strategy in these meetings can be to mainly listen and try to deal with any questions or misconceptions about the estimates, should they become apparent.

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Thanks,

Nigel

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As for contacts could you add

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Really I think if we're meeting with ██████████ we should also be in touch with someone directly in Coventry – not sure who.

In the email to stakeholders can we link in with the blog as I think this gives a decent narrative around what come next for population.

Thanks,

Neil

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Thanks James.

Our announcement on projections is up at

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/articles/nationalpopulationprojectionsandhouseholdprojectionsforenglandfutureplans/june2021>

and has passed final QA.

I didn't hear anything from [REDACTED] but we do have text for the PSD newsletter so that could be reused for yours. I would be keen that it is included.

Best wishes

James

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**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

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Morning all,

Presume the publication went well this morning? Hopefully you've heard from [REDACTED] in my team about a couple of sentences for our newsletter today.

Contacting on the emails below to ask whether emails were circulated or decisions made on it, and also to give you a new name. We specifically asked WMCA who their demographic lead was, and [REDACTED] responded that their best contact was [REDACTED] who works for City-REDI (which has very close ties with WMCA and in which [REDACTED] is herself a director) [REDACTED]. Thus she would be my suggested primary contact for your purposes, followed by [REDACTED] then [REDACTED] office, then the other names below.

Hope you're having a good day, or weekend to come,

James.

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Hi All,

The email OSR sent read:

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Neil Park, Nigel Henretty and I would like to extend an offer to speak with us after publication of these. This would be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you might have about the 2020 mid-year estimates or to discuss our future plans for projections and estimates.

If you would like to arrange a time to speak with us please contact [MPSD.Stakeholders@ons.gov.uk](mailto:MPSD.Stakeholders@ons.gov.uk) who will be helping us set up suitable dates and times.

Best wishes,

James Robards.

I've drawn up this [list](#) but haven't emailed yet as I would like final confirmation of who we should invite.

Sorry, been in meetings almost all morning.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

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Hi Andy, and all,

Where did we get to with this in the end? I know we've gone via OSR to invite respondents to the OSR review to discussion should they wish, but have we written to the others on our list yet?

Thanks,

Nigel

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**From:** Robards, James  
**Sent:** 16 March 2021 11:11  
**To:** Henretty, Nigel [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Speaking with OSR later

Hi Nigel,

Just got the following forward notification – same cast list as those we spoke with on Friday re. the OSR review.

Best wishes

James

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Robards, James  
**Sent:** 15 March 2021 10:03  
**To:** Robards, James; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** NPPs - badging  
**When:** 16 March 2021 14:30-14:50 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.  
**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@statistics.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 20 July 2021 22:11  
**To:** Robards, James <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; Morgan, Maggie <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@statistics.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@statistics.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Response to OSR from ONS

Hi James,

Yes that works,

Thanks

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**From:** Robards, James [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 20 July 2021 14:04  
**To:** Halls, Suzanne [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@statistics.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; Morgan, Maggie

<[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Response to OSR from ONS

Hi [REDACTED],

Ok – thanks. Is there anything required from us beyond a PDF of the letter to go on your site?

Best wishes

James

**From:** [REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 09 July 2021 11:25

**To:** Robards, James <James.Robards@ons.gov.uk>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Morgan, Maggie

[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Response to OSR from ONS

Hi James,

Thanks for getting in touch!

The letter which is planned for end of the month/first week of August would def be published on both sites ideally, but as long as its at least on ours that is probably ok.

Regards

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**Sent:** 09 July 2021 06:56

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Response to OSR from ONS

Dear [REDACTED]

Maggie Morgan advised that you might be able to help us with publication of a letter from Jonathan Athow to Ed Humpherson. We are working on the response to the OSR review of ONS population estimates and projections and as part of this are planning to write a letter. Do letters from ONS to OSR get published on both the OSR and ONS websites at the same time – are you able to give any advice on this? Thanks.

With best wishes,

James

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**From:** ██████████ ██████████ <██████████ [Statistics.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@statistics.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 02 June 2021 13:42  
**To:** Robards, James ██████████ ██████████ <██████████ [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@ons.gov.uk)>; ██████████ ██████████ <██████████ [Statistics.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@statistics.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Henretty, Nigel ██████████ ██████████ <██████████ [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@ons.gov.uk)>; ██████████ ██████████ <██████████ [ons.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@ons.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Recommendations in the OSR review of population estimates and projections

Hi James,

Hope you had a nice bank holiday weekend.

On the first recommendation, this is largely geared towards projections but there was one area of concern raised to OSR about assumptions in the estimates which is why we had to keep the requirement quite broad. The concerns around assumption setting for the projections tended to be focused on student migration or fertility rates and the issue with the presence of women of a certain age in the estimates leading to an increase in projected births, even where data on fertility rates by region may show a declining birth rate over time. On the estimates side, we received a couple of concerns regarding the unattributable population change which we had originally included as an example in the report but the feedback was that this is not a well understood term so we thought it best to pick it up offline. One of the individuals who made a submission about UPC is planning to publish their analysis so we can share a link with you if they do. If not, we can go through the relevant submissions and pull out the comments for you.

On the second recommendation, we heard concerns from users that ONS can be quite slow to reach a trigger point for methodological fixes and this can mean that the “damage is done” by the time the fix is implemented. As the team is active in attending conferences and events concerning population statistics, we would like to see it make greater use of these opportunities to pick up on concerns where they first arise and work with partners early on to consider whether these issues are likely to impact other areas or have an effect over time and therefore should seek to respond to them when they first arise.

We’d be happy to set up a call to talk it through if helpful.

Thanks,

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**From:** Robards, James ██████████ ██████████ <██████████ [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@ons.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 27 May 2021 17:00  
**To:** ██████████ ██████████ <██████████ [Statistics.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@statistics.gov.uk)>; ██████████ ██████████ <██████████ [Statistics.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@statistics.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Henretty, Nigel ██████████ ██████████ <██████████ [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@ons.gov.uk)>; ██████████ ██████████ <██████████ [ons.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@ons.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Recommendations in the OSR review of population estimates and projections

Dear ██████████ ██████████

I hope this email finds you well. We are working on our review of the OSR recommendations in some detail. There are a few recommendations where we were hoping you might be able to provide further clarification to help with our planning to respond.

Firstly, with the following recommendation we really want to clarify what this means in a little more detail because it seems to be a combination of estimates and projections. Are you able to provide any further clarification for us?

*“Use its partnership with experts to discuss the evidence provided to OSR in the review concerning the impact of assumptions being rolled forward.”*

Secondly, there was a recommendation around being more flexible and responsive in our approach to methodological changes. We were wondering if there is any further detail or feedback you would like to provide on the second part of this around working with partners to implement in a more timely way.

*“Integrate a more flexible and responsive approach to methodological changes in its design for admin-based population estimates. While we appreciate that there should not be adjustments made in response to every concern raised, ONS’s population estimates and projections team should work with its partners in local government, academia and across the devolved nations, so that changes are implemented in a more timely way.”*

Ahead of updating on planned actions this in July we would be keen to discuss with you what we plan to do.

With best wishes,

James

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**From:** ██████████ ██████████ <██████████@ons.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 27 April 2021 09:42  
**To:** Robards, James ██████████ [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@ons.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Readout from meeting with ██████████ (OSR)

Thanks James, had a read and we can discuss on Thursday.

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**From:** Robards, James ██████████ [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@ons.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 26 April 2021 09:19  
**To:** ██████████ ██████████ <██████████@ons.gov.uk>; ██████████ ██████████ <██████████@ons.gov.uk>; Henretty, Nigel <██████████@ons.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** ██████████ ██████████ <██████████@ons.gov.uk>; ██████████ ██████████ <██████████@ons.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Readout from meeting with ██████████ (OSR)

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With best wishes,

James

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**From:** Robards, James

**Sent:** 27 April 2021 08:15

**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Readout from meeting with [REDACTED] (OSR)

Thanks [REDACTED]

Best wishes

James

**From:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 26 April 2021 12:08

**To:** Robards, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>;

Henretty, Nigel [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Readout from meeting with [REDACTED] (OSR)

Hi James,

Thank you for the update from OSR, this is useful feedback.

I have noted the request to look at adding some text around the decision and scope of the 2020 NPPs release in the SNPPs/HH projections publication.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

**From:** Robards, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 26 April 2021 09:19  
**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Henretty, Nigel [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Readout from meeting with [REDACTED] (OSR)

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**From:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 13 July 2021 09:05  
**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Robards, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Question re OSR review into population estimates and projections and timing

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for getting back to me and confirming the expectation is a year from publication of the report, but with an explanation for when anything outstanding will be met.

Thanks again.

[REDACTED]  
**From:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 09 July 2021 16:36

To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

Cc: Robards, James <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
<[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Question re OSR review into population estimates and projections and timing

Hi [REDACTED]

A good question, the aim would be to meet the requirements within 1 year from the publication of the review but that is not a hard and fast rule. It has to be a realistic target for the producer team(s) so if recommendations can't be implemented within that time frame then it's a case of saying what could be done and outlining when you think the recommendation(s) could be met beyond that.

Hope that makes sense but let me know if you need any further clarification.

Best wishes,

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From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

Sent: 08 July 2021 14:50

To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
<[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>

Cc: Robards, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

Subject: Question re OSR review into population estimates and projections and timing

Hi [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

In drafting our response to the recent OSR review into population estimates and projections, I have a quick question that I hope you will be able to answer. Can you confirm please that the expectation is that we will meet the recommendations by May 2022? We understand we have a period of 12 months and are assuming it is from when the initial report was published rather than from the date of our response (July), but wanted to check that this was the case.

Hope you can advise.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

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Please note: My working days are Tuesday and Thursday.

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**From:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 13 July 2021 14:27  
**To:** Robards, James <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>; Barton, Susan <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Population projections - offer to engage

James

Thanks for getting back to me and glad you have now responded to Nuneaton and Guildford. Can you actually just contact [REDACTED] directly, just in case there has been trouble with emails. We will respond to the email we have received from him and let him know we have asked you to do this.

I know you aren't working today, but if you could contact him as soon as possible.

Happy to chat further if you wish

Many thanks

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**Sent:** 12 July 2021 17:25  
**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>; Barton, Susan [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Population projections - offer to engage

[REDACTED]

Our Stakeholder Engagement Team identified two emails which had not been answered. One from Nuneaton and one from Guildford. I have responded to both of those just a moment ago asking about the availability of the individuals who have written in.

I have been advised that [REDACTED] was emailing Emily Knipe directly [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The reason for this was that, as I understand it, [REDACTED] emails sent to the shared inbox were being filtered out (some kind of problem related to the [REDACTED] email account in use). If there is anything which has not reached us then please suggest to [REDACTED] that he contacts me directly.

Best wishes

James

**From:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 12 July 2021 12:22

**To:** Robards, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@statistics.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Population projections - offer to engage

James

I wondered if you could give me a quick call today. I just wanted to clarify where you got to with the offer to engage with contacts who fed into the review.

Thanks

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**From:** Robards, James

**Sent:** 26 July 2021 09:59

**To:** Pereira, Rich [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Henretty, Nigel [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Population estimates and projections

Morning Nigel, Rich,

Thanks for your emails confirming the direction of this. Based on these, I would propose the following:

1. Pre-announce publication – minor point but seems best with this one give we've started to mention it to others?
2. Send an invitation to a briefing at 1pm on Thursday 29 July (via OSR) to:
  - (1) signatories of the November 2020 letter and
  - (2) those who OSR spoke with during the review.
3. SET send an invitation via their stakeholder lists.

SET arrangements to be:

1. Email above to use an Eventbrite registration (so we know who is coming).
2. MS Teams invite from there.
3. SLIDO page for questions in advance.

Best wishes

James

**From:** Pereira, Rich [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 26 July 2021 09:45  
**To:** Henretty, Nigel [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Robards, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Population estimates and projections

Thanks Nigel – yes I am happy with that approach

**Rich Pereira** | Deputy Director, [Centre for Ageing and Demography](#), Public Policy Analysis  
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**From:** Henretty, Nigel [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 26 July 2021 09:38  
**To:** Pereira, Rich [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Robards, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Population estimates and projections

Hi both,

I think we can wrap this up with Thursday release of the OSR response. If we go ahead with an offer of briefing to interested users on our proposed workstreams, probably on Thursday if possible, we can extend the invitation to our CPRE contacts in addition to our wider stakeholder list. Rich, are you happy with that approach?

We've also had conversations with Greening Nuneaton, and will have a conversation with contacts in Oxford this afternoon, following our offer of discussion regarding the mid-2020 MYEs. It's possible that CPRE would also like to discuss these with us, in addition to the above offer.

Thanks,

Nigel

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**Sent:** 26 July 2021 08:42  
**To:** Robards, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Henretty, Nigel [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Population estimates and projections

Thanks James (just catching up).

I think we need a comms strategy for all of this – there are a number of threads that we need to work out and keep consistent lines.

Let's pick up at our catch-up, Nigel.

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**From:** Robards, James [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 14 July 2021 12:06

**To:** Henretty, Nigel [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; Pereira, [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** FW: Population estimates and projections

Hi Nigel, Rich,

Presumably from the following (originated from [REDACTED] calling me about [REDACTED] having tried to contact us and not hearing back); [REDACTED] from CPRE Warwickshire telephoned me at 11 and asked about:

1. early access to 2021 Census data.
2. when we would be talking with CPRE (suggesting that the letter from Ed Humpherson stated that we would be doing so and might revise our population statistics as a result of such conversations).

I was non-committal on both of the above other than to say that I was aware and we plan to respond to the OSR review this month. I was pushed on the latter and said we would be in contact about it.

With best wishes,

James

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**From:** Robards, James

**Sent:** 14 July 2021 07:18

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Henretty, Nigel [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; Pop Info <[pop.info@ons.gov.uk](mailto:pop.info@ons.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Population estimates and projections

Dear [REDACTED]

I understand that you may have been trying to contact the ONS Centre for Ageing and Demography following the message we extended via the Office for Statistics Regulation (this was around the time the population estimates and our future plans for projections were published just recently at the end of June).

Please write back to me at this email address or call on the number below during office hours and we can set up a time to speak if that was what you wanted. If there's anything else you would like to ask about or get clarification on before we speak or a topic you would specifically like to discuss when we talk then also just let me know.

With best wishes,

James

**Dr James Robards** | Head of Population and Household Projections, [Centre for Ageing and Demography](#)

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**From:** Park, Neil [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 20 July 2021 08:33  
**To:** Robards, James [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Paragraph on MYEs

Hi James,

You'll probably want/need to rewrite this to fit into the release. The last line might be unnecessary (I was trying to emphasise how we're looking to be clear with our stakeholders).

“In response to the OSR review several changes were made to the June 2021 population estimates release to assist users in understanding the quality of population estimates. These changes included the use of warning boxes to highlight specific issues with the estimates and a more comprehensive explanation of the range of quality information available alongside each release of the mid-year estimates. Further, the release referenced the short-and-medium term development of population estimates by discussing the incorporation of the 2021 census into the mid-year estimates, the OSR review into population estimates and projections and the development of new international migration estimates.”

Thanks,

Neil

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 12 July 2021 09:37  
**To:** [REDACTED] Robards, James; Dormon, Oliver  
**Subject:** OSR work  
**When:** 15 July 2021 13:45-14:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.  
**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

Hi all,

AIT have been asked to take on the co-ordination (and some of the analysis) of the OSR work, once the initial response publication has gone out. I understand PSRU will also be contributing to the OSR work. I thought it would be a good idea for us to get together to talk through what needs to happen so I can work out what my team and I need to do.

Hope this time is convenient and is more than enough time for discussion.

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**From:** Pereira, Rich <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 01 April 2021 10:40  
**To:** McKeown, Liz <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Athow, Jonathan <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Henretty, Nigel <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Robards, James

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██████████@ons.gov.uk>; Dunn, Ed <██████████@ons.gov.uk>; Briggs, Rebecca  
██████████@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** OSR review update

Hi Liz/Jonathan (copied to various other people esp. re second para)

I met with ██████████ of OSR this morning. One of the topics of discussion was an update on the review of population estimates and projections. What we now know is:

- Report is going through their Regulation Committee on 15 April
- Ed Humpherson is still thinking about 'the package' – what it's going to look like, whether a letter or a fuller report
- After committee we will get sight of the outcome before publication, to check for accuracy etc
- Still aiming to be published before end April and this date is unlikely to be pushed back any further.

She also raised the issue of communications around Census/delay to Scottish Census/therefore what successive population estimates are going to be based on for UK. **We need to get some public comms on this out** and it is likely to be part of the assessment of the Census they are doing.

Final discussion was around the review of NS badging process they are doing that ██████████ fed in to. It wasn't entirely clear when this would be reporting back but they've taken on board views.

**Rich Pereira** | Deputy Director, [Centre for Ageing and Demography](#), Public Policy Analysis

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**From:** Robards, James

**Sent:** 01 February 2021 10:58

**To:** ██████████ <██████████>

**Subject:** RE: OSR review of population projections and estimates

Dear ██████████

Many thanks for letting me know about OSR being in contact and also for the update on the T&CP article. Will be interested to see it when it comes out.

Hope you had a good weekend and all is well up there.

All the best,

James

**From:** ██████████ <██████████[newcastle.ac.uk](http://newcastle.ac.uk)>

**Sent:** 29 January 2021 16:55

**To:** Robards, James [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Fw: OSR review of population projections and estimates

Dear James: see below. (It doesn't say that I can't forward this to anyone interested.)

Latest on my T&CP article is that the final proofs should be ready by Monday and the whole issue will go up on the TCPA website by this time next week, with hard copies getting to subscribers as and when COVID allows the printers and mail to manage this.

Hope you can have a good weekend. It doesn't look like we will be seeing our Glasgow granddaughter for a while yet. [REDACTED]

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**From:** [regulation@statistics.gov.uk](mailto:regulation@statistics.gov.uk) <[regulation@Statistics.gov.uk](mailto:regulation@Statistics.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 29 January 2021 16:34

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** OSR review of population projections and estimates

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Dear [REDACTED],

As you are aware, the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) has committed to carry out a review of the Office for National Statistics' (ONS) population projections and estimates (<https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/our-regulatory-work/osr-review-of-population-projections-and-estimates/>) including the methods and data that underpin them, and how they are used.

We are seeking to ensure that these official statistics are used appropriately, and that they can bear the weight put on them where they are used in decision making. Our review will consider to what extent the methods and approaches are as good as they can be, and to what extent the projections developed were appropriate for their intended purpose, in line with the principles set out in the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#).

To inform our research, we are interested in speaking to experts in this field such as yourself, particularly given your role in peer reviewing the analysis concerning the situation in Coventry. These conversations are designed to gather information and to ask questions to fill any gaps we may have from own internal research.

If you'd be interested in talking to us as part of our review, do you have availability over the next 2 to 3 weeks for a call? If you could let us know some suitable dates and times, we can try to work around your availability. We are also contacting the other demography experts who endorsed the Coventry analysis and it may work better to hold a joint discussion. We can accommodate either approach, individual or joint sessions whichever you think would be most productive.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 17 June 2021 12:55

**To:** Nicholls, Katy [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Cc:** Robards, James <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Stat.Hopoffice <stat.hopoffice@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: OSR review of population estimates and projections

Thanks Katy,

We look forward to speaking to you on the 1<sup>st</sup>. I'll be in touch if I have any further questions before then.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]  
**From:** Nicholls, Katy <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 17 June 2021 12:37

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Cc:** Robards, James <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Stat.Hopoffice <stat.hopoffice@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: OSR review of population estimates and projections

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your helpful reply and to James for arranging the meeting in a couple of weeks.

I look forward to speaking then but if you have any questions in the meantime please do get in touch.

Best wishes,

Katy

**Katy Nicholls** [REDACTED] | Statistics Head of Profession Office

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 15 June 2021 16:24

**To:** Nicholls, Katy <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Cc:** Robards, James <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Stat.Hopoffice <stat.hopoffice@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: OSR review of population estimates and projections

Hi Katy,

Thank you for getting back to me and taking the time to give us some background to what is expected from our response to the recent OSR review. I've just had a chat with James and we both agree that publishing our response on the ONS website seems like the right way forward. As you suggest, it gives us more control and enables us to update the document as the work progresses. It also feels to be more engaging with users.

Thank you also for your suggestions on thinking about who our audience is and how we can engage with them, and for your suggestion of possibly writing a blog to supplement a response. This is all really useful and will help guide our response.

I will take a look at the two examples that you have sent through – thank you for those, and I am also talking to Publishing to find out what category of document the response will fall under.

James and I have spoken about when would be a good time to meet with you so he will be getting in touch to arrange a suitable time. It will be really helpful to talk through our approach and response with you at that meeting.

Thank you again.

**From:** Nicholls, Katy <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 15 June 2021 14:33

**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Cc:** Robards, James <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; Stat.Hopoffice <stat.hopoffice@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: OSR review of population estimates and projections

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for getting in touch. As I mentioned to James, we are keen to provide support to teams undergoing and responding to reviews by OSR so would be very happy to meet to discuss this further when you're ready.

The response will usually be accompanied by a letter to Ed Humpherson from Jonathan Athow, which will be published on OSR's website. The letter could highlight the main developments/commitments and then link to the full action plan (or include as an Annex). It's up to you where you'd like the action plan itself to be published – it could go on the ONS website or OSR's alongside the letter. The benefits of having it on the ONS website would be that it might reach a wider audience and you'd maintain control of the page/document so could update it as you make progress on the actions, which would be transparent and a good way of engaging with users.

I'd recommend thinking about who the audience for this work plan is – and encourage you to aim it at users rather than solely for OSR's purposes. You could also welcome feedback on your plan and be clear how often you will update users (including OSR) on progress. Given the profile and interest in this topic you could also write a blog to highlight your action plan to be published on the National Statistical website, or even on OSR's as I know they are keen to have guest-blogs on there – it could even be a joint blog with someone from OSR ([REDACTED] or Ed perhaps?) talking about the review and next steps.

I'll have a closer look for some examples of good responses, but here are two that come to mind (one ONS, one not):

- <https://www.ons.gov.uk/census/censustransformationprogramme/census2021outputs/nationalstatisticsaccreditation/howtheonsisensuringcensus2021willservethepublicgoodjanuary2021progressupdate>
- <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/announcements/office-statistics-regulation-assessment>

In summary – you have lots of flexibility in how you respond and there's an opportunity to be innovative and engaging in the approach you choose. Think about what works best for you and your users. I hope that helps a bit but very happy to discuss further.

Best wishes,

Katy

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 15 June 2021 12:04

**To:** Nicholls, Katy <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Cc:** Robards, James [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** OSR review of population estimates and projections

Hi Katy,

I understand that James spoke to you a couple of weeks ago about our plans for projections and you offered some guidance to us on our response to the OSR review of population estimates and projections. We're in the processing of developing our plan at the moment, but we'd be grateful to have the opportunity to talk it through with you when it's ready. Perhaps when we're close to sharing it with you, I will try to set something up. In the meantime, are you able to answer a couple of questions please? Firstly, do you know where the ONS response gets published? Is it on the OSR website or does it go on our topic page? And secondly, are you able to point us to a good example of a response from ONS to an OSR review. It would be helpful for us to know what is expected and whether there is a template that we should be following.

I hope you can help.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

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Please note: My working days are Tuesday and Thursday.

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@Statistics.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 17 February 2021 13:27

**To:** [REDACTED] Park, Neil; Nash, Andrew; Blackwell, Louisa; Robards, James

**Cc:** Pereira, Rich; Babb, Penny

**Subject:** OSR review of population est/projections

**When:** 12 March 2021 15:00-16:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

Hi everyone,

As you know, OSR has been asked to carry out a review of ONS's population estimates and projections in response to concerns raised to us. We've spent the last couple of weeks speaking to academics and demographers, and we will be speaking to the complainants themselves over the next week or so.

Would this time work to get together following those meetings, to share our emerging findings and talk through some of our questions to clarify our understanding?

Thanks,

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**From:** Robards, James

**Sent:** 28 May 2021 16:08

**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** FW: OSR review of ONS population estimates and projections

Hi [REDACTED]

See email chain below re. 2021 Census and the benefit of that in relation to the OSR review – I agree with Nigel about the helpful text from Neil in this.

Best wishes

James

**From:** Henretty, Nigel [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 28 May 2021 11:46

**To:** Park, Neil [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Cc:** Robards, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: OSR review of ONS population estimates and projections

Hi Neil and James,

That last sentence of your previous email is great fodder for both the MYEs bulletin and the response to the OSR review. I suggest that line be copied and pasted far and wide!!

Thanks,

Nigel

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**From:** Park, Neil [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 24 May 2021 07:35

**To:** [REDACTED]; Robards, James [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]@gov.wales; Henretty, Nigel <[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: OSR review of ONS population estimates and projections

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for your offer. We're just starting some research into student migration in response to the OSR review – the precise dimensions of this work are still being worked out.

It's worth being aware that we'll not be making changes to the way we produce estimates for mid-2020 except in response to pandemic related data issues. Improving internal migration and international migration methods are complex tasks which we are already investigating through our Population and Migration Statistics Transformation work. Further, given that 2021 is a census year we'll be using 2021 census data as both a new base year for the MYEs and as part of a reconciliation exercise between census and MYEs that will help us understand more clearly the issues around our existing methods.

Thanks,

Neil



**Neil Park** | Head of Population Estimates Unit, Centre for Ageing and Demography, Public Policy Analysis

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 17 May 2021 17:22

**To:** Park, Neil [redacted] [ons.gov.uk](mailto:[redacted]@ons.gov.uk)>; Robards, James [redacted] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[redacted]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Cc:** [redacted] [@gov.wales](mailto:[redacted]@gov.wales)

**Subject:** OSR review of ONS population estimates and projections

Hi both,

Just sending you a quick e-mail in light of the OSR review of the estimates and projections for England.

I've had a read of it and just wanted to note that we would be happy to work with you on the recommendations, in particular the issues concerning students and emigration that may impact the estimates and projections for Wales. We're aware that some of our users have raised similar issues in the past, in particular in relation to Aberystwyth University in Ceredigion and Bangor University in Gwynedd. Student populations make up a high proportion of the population in these areas so are particularly sensitive to any issues in relation to students and emigration.

I know that we engage regularly with the NPP team so happy to continue that and perhaps extend our engagement on the MYEs. Happy to have a chat once you've had an opportunity to consider the next steps.

Thanks,

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**From:** Robards, James

**Sent:** 19 May 2021 08:43

**To:** [REDACTED]; Park, Neil [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] [@gov.wales](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.wales); [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: OSR review of ONS population estimates and projections

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for getting in touch. [REDACTED] (cc'd in) is looking at the recommendations and responding to them. Would be interesting to hear if you have done anything so far in response to the cases you mention and also be good to speak in due course.

Best wishes

James

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**From:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 30 June 2021 16:54

**To:** Robards, James [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: OSR review - recommendation on variant projections

Hi James,

Thanks for the sight of this, this is very helpful. I will reflect on the response and provide comments/discuss with you.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

**From:** Robards, James <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 30 June 2021 15:59

**To:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** OSR review - recommendation on variant projections

Hi [REDACTED]

This was the first draft of the passage we have in progress for responding to recommendation six from the OSR review. If you have further suggestions on our possible response to the overall recommendation and other ways we might respond then of course we can discuss and explore as well.

## **Recommendation 6: Maximising the use of ONS variant projections**

This recommendation centred on the variant projections published as part of all population and household projections releases.

### **6.1 Expand on the support it gives users to illustrate where the use of these alternative projections may be beneficial and develop case studies of where they have been used in practice**

The ONS Population and Household Projections team plan to take the following actions. We will explore the potential to provide more guidance to users on the variant projections which are normally included in each release. More specifically we will look at the potential contribution a user guide on how variants can be used would offer to our users and what this offers over and above our existing releases (where we have text on what the variant projections are and how these are developed). We may use feedback from our recent user engagement exercise of autumn 2020 to help with this process. At the same time, we will discuss with existing users the ability to include their use of variant projections as case studies to provide examples of where they have been used to show the relevance and utility of the variant projections to help non-expert users to understand and decide on their use of the principal projection compared to the variant projections. We will also explore alternatives to the use of variant projections.

With best wishes,

James

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