

GSS Regional and Geography Committee

2017-18 workplan

Ref	Deliverable/milestone	Success measure	Target date	Owner	Status
Frameworks and Harmonisation					
1.x	Produce, publish and support the development of revised UK area classifications for different geographies	Product delivered meets user need, enabling improved analysis/understanding of place. Complete the publication of all planned UK area classifications based on 2011 Census data for different geographies.	Spring 2018	ONS Methods, Data and Research	
1.x	Promote, monitor and assess how the GSS Geography Policy is implemented across the GSS. Make improvements to statistical outputs where GSS Geography Policy monitoring identifies compliance issues	Geographically consistent and comparable official statistics. Engagement with GSS Geography Champions and improvements in statistical outputs across the GSS with GSS Geography Policy compliance.	Ongoing	ONS Methods, Data and Research	
1.x	Establish GSS position regarding international regional statistics frameworks following UK departure from EU	Clear GSS position agreed on NUTS regulation and statistics, communication to stakeholders and appropriate steps taken to influence if required	Mar-18	ONS Public Policy	In progress
1.x	Investigate the future development of a new GSS Framework for Regional and Local Statistics	The future direction of regional and local statistics is understood and agreed by RGC members. Terms of Reference reflect this position	Mar-18	ONS Public Policy	
2. Innovation					
2.x	Encourage GSS members to explore new data sources and methods to improve statistical and geography outputs and create efficiencies	Share experience of using big data and administrative sources to create efficiencies and generate more outputs aligned to the UK Statistics Authority's overall strategy for 2015-2020: 'Better Statistics, Better Decisions'.	Mar-18	ONS Public Policy	In progress
2.x	Host event to share and promote innovative developments in Regional and Geography Statistics	GSS users are informed and engaged with best practice and new RGC direction	Mar-18	ONS Public Policy	
2.x	Respond to any new data needs resulting from any NHS organisational changes or restructuring as appropriate	Consistent GSS approach achieved	Ongoing	NHS Digital	
3. Dissemination					
3.x	Development of a plan for coherent cross-GSS dissemination of sub-national statistics 1) identify current position	Users can easily access and use relevant statistics on a range of geographies	Mar-18	ONS Public Policy	
4. Stakeholders					
4.x	Consult with stakeholders on their sub-national data and analysis requirements and share with RGC members.	Joined-up approach to GSS analysis work	Ongoing	ONS Public Policy	
4.x	Hold 2 bi-lateral meetings with the Local Government Association and relevant groups in the Devolved Administrations (eg. Welsh Statistical Liaison Committee (WSLC))	Informed and engaged local authority users	Mar-18	ONS Public Policy	