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Statement of Compliance with the Code of Practice for Statistics

LPS Valuation Statistics

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LPS Valuation Statistics (House Price Index)

The Code of Practice (the Code) sets the standards that producers of official statistics must meet. It ensures that statistics serve the public good and are produced with integrity, quality and transparency.

Compliance with the Code gives users confidence that official statistics are: trustworthy, high quality and of public value.

The framework for the Code of Practice for Statistics is based on three core principles:

- Trustworthiness – having confidence in the people and organisations that produce statistics and data
- Quality – using suitable data and appropriate methods that produce assured statistics
- Value – producing statistics that benefit the public by informing and supporting decision making, action and debate.

The principles are supported by ten areas of practice

Trustworthiness

- Show integrity
- Lead responsibly
- Be transparent
- Manage data responsibly

Quality

- Prioritise quality
- Be rigorous

- Be open about quality

Value

- Be relevant
- Be clear
- Be accessible

LPS Valuation Statistics compliance with the Code

All LPS Valuation Statistics official statistics are comply with the Standards for Official Statistics set out in the Code and are regulated by the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR).

The House Price Index as produced by LPS Valuation Statistics is an Accredited Official Statistic. This designation confirms that it has been independently reviewed by OSR and found to comply with the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value set out in the Code. Accredited official statistics are referred to as National Statistics in the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007. A list of Accredited Official Statistics is published on the OSR website. Producers must ensure continued compliance with the Code.

All LPS official statistics are supported by a background, information and methodology note and a release strategy that reflects the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in the production and release of the statistics.

Users are invited to contact statistical producers directly with any comments about the statistics standards or contact OSR directly by emailing regulation@statistics.gov.uk or via the OSR website.

Head of LPS Valuation Statistics

The Head of LPS Valuation Statistics, Joanne Henderson has overall responsibility for ensuring compliance with the Code and for making impartial decisions about statistics.

Standards for the public use of statistics, data and wider analysis

In addition to the compliance with the Standards for Official Statistics, LPS applies the standards for the public use of statistics, data and wider analysis when communicating statistics in the public domain. These three standards are built on the concept of intelligent transparency, which is grounded in the core principles of the Code.

LPS Valuation Statistics is committed to continuous improvement and will regularly review its compliance with the Code, taking account of user feedback and any recommendations from OSR.

Equality of access

The aim is for official statistics to be the authoritative source of information used in the public domain However, where unpublished information (including management information) is used publicly, LPS Valuation Statistics will consider its inclusion in future releases and ensure it is pre-announced and published as soon as possible.

Supporting understanding

Analysts work with communications colleagues to ensure all public statements which feature data and statistics can be verified by published information and that they can include appropriate acknowledgement of any uncertainties and context that users need to be aware of to interpret the statistics correctly.

Decision making and leadership

All communications materials which feature data and statistics are cleared by the responsible statistician or the Head of Valuation Statistics.

Statisticians play a key role in ensuring that data are used appropriately, providing expert advice across LPS and supporting evidence-based decision making.

Charges for supplementary statistical services

LPS Valuation Statistics are provided free of charge where published as Official Statistics, in line with the Code of Practice and principles of open access. Supplementary requests for statistics are handled as business as usual, for example, Freedom of Information requests.

Charges may apply where user request bespoke analysis requiring significant additional resource. Any charge would be applied in line with Department of Finance and wider government guidance.

Policies and procedures for LPS statistics

Information on policies and procedures to ensure official statistics produced by LPS Valuation comply with the principles and protocols contained in the Code are published online.

These include:

- Release practice policy
- Revisions and corrections policy
- Data management approach and confidentiality policy
- Statistical work programme
- Public involvement and engagement strategy
- Voluntary application of the Code of Practice

Summary Table

Principle	How LPS Valuation Statistics complies
Trustworthiness	Clear leadership, transparent process, published policies, responsible data handling
Quality	Accredited outputs, robust methodology, ongoing quality assurance and improvement
Value	Active user engagement, accessible outputs, relevance to users, intelligent transparency

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