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Consultation on a refreshed Code of Practice for Statistics 2017

The Carnegie UK Trust welcomes the opportunity to respond to the consultation on a refreshed Code of Practice for Statistics 2017. The Trust works to improve the lives of people throughout the UK and Ireland, by changing minds through influencing policy, and by changing lives through innovative practice and partnership work. Our [Strategic Plan \(2016-2020\)](#) takes a holistic approach to wellbeing and outlines our work as focusing on [‘Enabling Wellbeing’](#); [‘Flourishing Towns’](#); [‘Fulfilling Work’](#); and [‘Digital Futures’](#).

The Trust supports the development of wellbeing frameworks across the UK and Ireland and is involved in high-level discussions with governments and key stakeholders regarding the data sets used for indicators to measure progress towards national outcomes in [Scotland](#) and [Northern Ireland](#). The Trust has also commissioned data on issues such as [work and wellbeing](#) and [data privacy](#); developed an [online platform](#) which bring together towns-level data to help practitioners and communities in Scotland to better understand their towns; and uses publically available statistics to supplement our project development work.

We welcome the three pillars of Trustworthiness, Quality and Value with regards to increasing public confidence in official statistics, as we seek to take an evidence base and translate it into meaningful change in policy and practice. While we are not in a position to speak for the sector, we can see the merit in the users of official statistics taking a pledge on the three pillars, and would be willing to sign up to this ourselves, as an independent and evidence-based organisation.

We hope that you find these comments helpful. If you would like to discuss our response or would like to find out more about our work please contact me via email at lauren@carnegieuk.org or by telephone on 01383 721445.

Yours sincerely,



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