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To : [REDACTED]
CC : [REDACTED], Sandy Stewart/NEWPORT/ONS
Date Sent : 02/04/2014 19:15:40
Subject : [RE: Recorded Crime Assessment: Follow-up Questions](#)

Thanks for your note [REDACTED],

I am afraid work pressures make it impossible for us meet his week. As you know this is a particularly resource intensive time, which does makes your timetable really challenging for us.

Thanks for your question list, which contains a detailed and wide ranging list of questions. Is there any way that you could prioritise these questions, and help us to target our limited resources on the most critical areas for May first? It would then be helpful for us to discuss how best to provide this information. Due to the office move and other work commitments, the team have not been able to touch base this week on these issues. We will need to regroup next week and consider how to accommodate your requests without jeopardising the on-time publication of "Recorded Crime in Scotland".

We are committed to working with you to ensure that this process leads to a robust evidence-based conclusion. At present, we do not understand the re-assessment process in the level of detail that would allow us to make a judgement as to whether a wefa was or was not required. In order to address this issue, it would be helpful to have a specification for this work. I imagine such a specification would make it clear whether a wefa was or was not required to meet the aims of the re-assessment. If a wefa was required, we would like to discuss how to achieve this given our resource constraints. I am afraid that we have to be careful how we use our resources at present, as the successful delivery of the 2013/14 report is at risk and this must be prioritised.

It is unfortunate that this re-assessment has come about at such a busy time for us, in other times I am sure this process would be easier for both of us.

Yours,

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Head of Safer Communities Analysis
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 March 2014 18:18
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Sandy Stewart
Subject: Recorded Crime Assessment: Follow-up Questions

[REDACTED],

Further to my email of 25 March, I am keen to schedule in the meeting that we agreed would take place the week commencing 31 March. Can you provide some times that suit your team and we can agree that early on Monday?

At our last meeting you noted that your resources were limited, and we agreed that we would undertake a review of ongoing Code compliance for these statistics, and would then advise you of any queries that arose from this. This was in order to enable your team to continue with your current quality assurance work.

I attach the resulting document which contains a number of our initial questions based on published evidence. This is not a complete review, just our emerging thoughts at this early stage on where we cannot find published evidence to answer our questions. We would be happy to take answers to these questions in whatever way you find most convenient, be it verbally in the meeting, or from documents that you have to hand to send to us, or links to published documents that we have missed.

You said that you are content with this approach and are not keen to complete a wefa, and that you have a copy of your original wefa for Assessment Report 2. However, for your information I attach a link to the current wefa, so that you are aware of the structure if you decide that you would prefer to complete it, or if it sparks any further thoughts on evidence that you could supply to us as part of the assessment.

<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/assessment/guidance-about-assessment/output-related-evidence-for-assessment.doc>

One final thought, at our meeting of 20 March, you undertook to send us your user list to feed into our user consultation, I would be grateful if you could send that through.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

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