

Inclusive Data Charter monitoring form

Annual Champion progress survey – 2026

Name of IDC Champion:	Office for National Statistics – UK
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Date that IDC action plan was published:	2018
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Progress on inclusive data priorities

No	Question	Guidance	Champion response
1.1	What progress have you made on your Inclusive data priorities/ IDC Action Plan priorities in the past year?	Include examples to accompany any highlights or achievements.	<p>The Inclusive Data Taskforce annual report (2025) showed that at final assessment, 88% of the 339 inclusive data commitments across government have been completed or are on track to be achieved. As part of these commitments, but also within wider work programmes across the organisation, ONS have made progress in several areas. Some examples, although far from an exhaustive list, include:</p> <p>Research with statistically underrepresented communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of qualitative research with women who have survived domestic abuse and their

			<p>accommodation experiences in England. This research explored experiences of accessing and transitioning into accommodation after leaving domestic abuse, experiences of living in accommodation after leaving domestic abuse, accessing move-on accommodation, feelings of safety throughout their journey and potential improvements and solutions offered by survivors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Currently undertaking qualitative research with people who identify as Roma, aiming to understand their lived experiences, including culture, identity, needs and interactions with services. <p>Improved local data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Build a custom area profile tool – updated and re-designed in March 2025, incorporates non-census datasets alongside Census 2021 data, allowing people to draw their own area on a map and find relevant local data for England and Wales. <p>Harmonisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Following the publication of the GSS harmonisation workplan in 2024, the harmonisation team are undertaking a review of the GSS ethnicity harmonised standard. A consultation is currently underway to gather views on the need for additional tick-box response options. When used, the new standard will enable data collectors to effectively compare data across different datasets. <p>Inclusive population statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Census - the UKSA recommendation on the Future of Population and Migration Statistics in June 2025 was to commission a mandatory questionnaire-based census in 2031 – building on the success and lessons of the last census in
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			2021 – and alongside this, to continue to develop the ONS’s work on population and migration statistics based on administrative data to provide more frequent and timely estimates. A census in 2031 will provide an important new opportunity for collecting inclusive population statistics against which other surveys and statistics can be benchmarked, including administrative data.
1.2	What areas of your Inclusive data priorities/ IDC Action Plan have you made the least progress on, in the past year?	Include any challenges or barriers faced.	Data sharing - Integrated data service
1.3	Have there been any changes to your Inclusive data priorities/ IDC Action Plan objectives in the last year?	(Yes, No) <i>If yes, please give details of any changes</i>	No.
1.4 a	Has the progress on advancing your inclusive data priorities/ IDC Action Plan led to any changes (internally or externally) in one or more of the following areas?	<p><i>Checklist – tick all that apply:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased visibility and awareness on inclusive data ● Broader engagement and action being taken on inclusive data ● Increased capacity to collect, analyze and make use of inclusive data ● Strengthened coordination and collaboration with others to advance inclusive data objectives ● Strengthened knowledge exchange & learning ● Use of inclusive data to inform policy change or 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased visibility and awareness on inclusive data (internal and external) ● Broader engagement and action being taken on inclusive data (internal) ● Increased capacity to collect, analyze and make use of inclusive data (internal) ● Strengthened coordination and collaboration with others to advance inclusive data objectives(internal and external) ● Strengthened knowledge exchange & learning (internal and external) ● Use of inclusive data to inform policy change or impacts for marginalised groups(internal)

		impacts for marginalised groups	
1.4 b	Please briefly highlight any specific examples or stories demonstrating the changes that have occurred in behaviour, practice, policy, or systems as a result of your work on inclusive data in the last year		The Centre for Equalities and Inclusion published the final Inclusive Data Taskforce annual report and evaluation in November 2025. Recommendations from this evaluation, alongside findings from the Lievesley review, have prompted the strengthening of the purpose and effectiveness of the National Statistician’s Inclusive Data Advisory Committee (NSIDAC). The terms of reference of this committee have been updated, while the remit and governance of several other of the National Statistician’s advisory panels are also under review, with a view to ensuring they have a clear cross-Government Statistical Service function and the inter-relationship between them is recognised to maximise their impact and ability to best advise the National Statistician. The Centre for Equalities and Inclusion’s move into the National Statistician’s Office further solidifies NSIDAC governance and engagement within this area, while also facilitating collaboration with other governance structures.

IDC network engagement

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2.1	In the last 12 months, have you engaged in any advocacy around the IDC, like encouraging other organizations to join or speaking about the IDC at events?	(Yes, No) <i>If yes, please give details, including any examples</i>	

2.2	In the last 12 months, has being part of the IDC enabled you to collaborate with other Champions or partners to take forward your inclusive data priorities?	(Yes, No) <i>If yes, please give details, including any examples.</i>	
2.3	In the last 12 months, have you shared practice and learning with other countries/organizations on the actions you are taking on inclusive data?	(Yes, No) <i>If yes, please give details, including examples.</i>	
2.4	Which of the offerings below have you engaged with as a member of the IDC network in the last 12 months?	<p>Checklist – tick all that apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communication, advocacy & engagement opportunities e.g. blogs, data stories, events ● Participating in knowledge exchange & learning sessions e.g. Champion network calls ● Sharing resources and materials with the IDC network ● Collaborating with other Champions on shared challenges , topics of interest or inclusive data projects ● Receiving support from the IDC Secretariat to advance your work on inclusive data ● None of the above 	
2.5	To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements based on your organization's engagement with the IDC? <i>(strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree</i>		

	<p><i>nor disagree, somewhat disagree, strongly disagree)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I feel that my organization's voice is heard within the network. • I feel pride in being part of the IDC when thinking about my organization's membership in the network. • I feel that the IDC as a network is making a difference and contributing to external change and action towards more inclusive and equitable practices. • I feel well informed about opportunities to participate in IDC coordinated activities. • I feel that my organization is getting value from being engaged in the IDC and being part of this network is helping us to advance work that we could not otherwise do alone. 		
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Looking ahead

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3.1	What are your priorities for your IDC action plan / inclusive data work in the next 12 months?		

