**Bespoke Data Access Requests - Scottish Government**

Over the last few months, we have faced an extraordinary situation in relation to COVID-19 and all the challenges that has brought and we thought it was a good time to touch base regarding our data access arrangements.

The current situation has progressed enough to allow a slight decreased in pressures on the analytical staff within the Scottish Government, we will therefore able to accept:

* any amendments to previously approved data access requests, from **Thursday at 12:00 (29 October 2020)** for Scottish Government datasets or NRS census data.
* any new bespoke data access requests, from **Wednesday at 12:00 (11 November 2020)** for Scottish Government datasets or NRS census data.
* Urgent COVID-19 related data access requests will still be accepted as previous communicated

As you can understand, there is currently a backlog of requests which may impact on the timescales in which an application can be reviewed. We appreciate your patience as we work through this.

Applications will be reviewed on a first come, first serve basis and the review timeframes will be advised upon receipt. COVID-19 related data access requests will be treated as priority and will continue to follow the rapid review process, which may impact on review timings for all other types of request.

Our SG data is still accessible via the Open data platform: [www.statistics.gov.scot](http://www.statistics.gov.scot) or in over the one hundred bulletins we publish each year, most of which include data that can be downloaded.

If your project is being handled by eDRIS, please contact your research co-ordinator regarding submission.

Otherwise please get in touch with statistics.enquiries@gov.scot