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**RSS comments on announcement of OSR review into the approach to developing statistical models designed for awarding 2020 exam results**

**Sharon Witherspoon, Royal Statistical Society Vice-President for Education and Statistical Literacy, said:**

“We are glad that the Office for Statistics Regulation has listened to our call for an urgent review into the process for developing the statistical models used by exam regulators.

“The lack of transparency around the process has not only caused significant distress for thousands of students, it has threatened to undermine public trust in statistics and their use. It is therefore right that the Office for Statistics Regulation looks into these issues to ensure this does not happen again.”

**Notes to editors:**

- The OSR announcement is here: <https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/news/osr-review-of-approach-to-developing-statistical-models-designed-for-awarding-2020-exam-results/>
- Our letter of 14 August, to the OSR calling for a review can be found here: <https://rss.org.uk/RSS/media/News-and-publications/News/2020/14-08-2020-Letter-Deborah-Ashby-Sharon-Witherspoon-to-OSR.pdf>