

Hello

I'm writing to express my concern that Scotland intends to abandon collecting data on sex, aggregating it instead with self-identified gender. I believe this is dangerous because it will lose important information which cannot be recovered later. Surely not a good practice in statistics?

Sex is a determinant of many aspects of human life, in medical care, economic status, planning...I could go on. Both groups (birth sex and self identified gender) become forever lost in the new melange.

I refer you to this letter, and ask you to please keep sex and gender separate. It serves no useful purpose for either one to be subsumed.
<https://ukdataexperts.files.wordpress.com/2021/02/open-letter-on-sex-data-11-february-2021-1.pdf>

Yours aye

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