

# The Second Edition of Unofficial Guide to Official Health Statistics

The draft of the Unofficial Guide is now complete some 75,000 words ! Twenty two people have contributed and discussions are now taking place with a commercial publisher. However, there is still a lot of work to be done and we are looking for volunteers to read, comment and criticise sections. A copy of the contents is shown below so if you would like to help in this way, please get in touch.

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