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Subject: Inequalities data

Hi [REDACTED], thanks for your comments re the TCDP.

Re inequalities, this is the advice I received from our stats team, in advance of publication of the NS data:

The National Survey for Wales has replaced the Welsh Health Survey as the source of data on health-related lifestyle among adults. Results from the two surveys are not directly comparable due to the change in survey methodology. Although the discontinuity appears to be small for overall smoking rates at a national level, it's likely that there are larger discontinuities for smaller subgroups, and that the differences seen for these reflect the change in survey rather than a real change. We plan to look at this in more detail in a forthcoming statistical article.

Their previous interpretation of WHS data was:

Those living in the most deprived areas have smoking rates which are consistently higher than those in the least deprived areas, typically at least twice as high.

## Sue

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For info ... I know you have this but ... here are the smoking inequalities over the years:

Least deprived	2007	2015	2016
	17	11	9
Most deprived	34	29	28

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