

**Subject:** Request for information on consultation on guidance for the 2021 Census sex question since 27 February 2020

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**Date responded:** 31 July 2020

**Information requested:**

“Details of all individuals and organisations consulted about the development of the guidance for the sex question in the 2021 census since 27 February 2020.

Please indicate in each case whether these individuals or organisations are data users (i.e. public authorities or academic experts/statisticians) or interest groups that represent particular respondents.”

**NRS Response:**

The answer to this question is that no individuals or organisations were consulted about the development of the guidance for the sex question in Scotland’s Census since 27 February 2020.

The online guidance can be found in the [Sex Question Recommendation Report](#) published in December 2019.

Please be aware that on 17 July 2020 the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture, advised the Scottish Parliament of the intention to move the census to March 2022, in light of the unprecedented impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.