



**John Pullinger**

**Head of the Government Statistical Service (GSS) and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority**

John Pullinger became the National Statistician, Head of the Government Statistical Service (GSS) and Chief Executive of the UK Statistics Authority in July 2014.

His role is to safeguard the production and publication of high quality official statistics by all departments, agencies and institutions in the UK. The focus of his tenure has been to make better information available to all decisions makers in government, business and citizens.

John's career began in 1980 when he joined the civil service after graduating in geography and statistics from Exeter University. After several statistical, research and policy roles in different departments, John joined the Central Statistical Office as a senior civil servant in 1992. He was the project manager for the creation of the Office for National Statistics and was the policy lead on the development of the GSS. He worked on diverse projects and subject areas, including responsibility for flagship publications like 'Social Trends', leading the neighbourhood statistics programme as well as being actively involved in the creation of the Statistics Commission and National Statistics in 2000.

John is currently the Chair of the UN Statistical Commission and has represented the UK internationally in EU, UN, OECD and other forums.

In 2004, John became the 14th librarian to the House of Commons. He continued to be involved in the statistical community and took up the presidency of the Royal Statistical Society on 1 January 2013.

John is married with three adult children. He is active in his local community in Tunbridge Wells and has been the chairman of Great Culverden Park Limited since 1999. He was appointed as a Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB) in 2014 for services to Parliament and to the community.