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The Public Health Agency's consultation response – Swedish statistics on child mortality

The Public Health Agency has been given the opportunity to submit comments regarding the above referral on child mortality statistics and has the following to add:

The Agency endorses the collection of data for the child mortality trend series. The selected methods are reasonable given the purpose. For Sweden, however, the national cause of death register provides fully reliable data and there is no need for additional data from other sources. As long as the trend series only estimates future trends 2-3 year ahead of time, it is reasonable to use the historical data from that register to predict future mortality, and to smooth the trend curves based on historical observations from the register.

The estimated trends look reasonable. Additional population data as requested have already been provided to the WHO office by the National Board of Health and Welfare.

A decision regarding this opinion has been taken by acting head of department Lisa Brouwers. The response has been prepared by analyst Magnus Stenbeck.

On behalf of the Public Health Agency

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