Alun Owen, Ellen Marshall and Scott Smith: Resources for statistics support

This talk relates to a new sigma-funded project to develop a "Pocket Guide to Mathematical Resources for Support Tutors". ‘Resources’ here are interpreted broadly to include static and interactive digital materials that inform, engage or entertain for the purpose of widening knowledge and understanding, and improving teaching and student attainment. This project has two elements; (i) a guide to mathematics resources, and (ii) a guide to statistics resources. This talk will focus on the approach proposed with regard to (ii), and will discuss how we plan to enlist the views of the statistics support community within sigma to identify the “best” statistics resources to be included in the guide.

A start has already been made in relation to the guide to statistics resources, and some suggestions for resources that should feature in this guide have been obtained from a small number of statistics tutors within the sigma network. Since the guide will ultimately be used by you, we aim to share these initial suggestions with you, and to canvass your opinion on other resources you would like to be considered for inclusion in the guide. As well as the content of the guide, we would also like to gather opinions with regard to the layout of the guide.

Hence if you have ideas for what statistics resources should feature in this guide and/or how it should look, we need your views so please come along!

This talk will also include a brief update on the now completed project to develop a pack of “scenario-based” training resources to be used for developing statistics advisory skills. These resources are now available at www.statstutor.ac.uk.

Finally, we also hope to provide an update on what new statistics resources have been added to www.statstutor.ac.uk in the past year, and other resources that are planned to be added in the near future.