

International Steering Group – Note of Key Points

6th October 2022 : 9am – 11 am (BST)

Attending

Professor James Brown – UTS

Abby Morgan – Stats New Zealand

Owen Abbott – ONS

Professor David Martin, OBE

Sir Ian Diamond – National Statistician

David Rowley - NRS

Benjamin Little – NRS

Ralph McDevitt – NRS

Esta Clark – NRS

Shonagh McInnes – NRS

Damien Allen – NRS

Will Howes – NRS

Mark Dunn – NRS

Mark Pont - OSR

David Ross - OSR

Key Actions

1. NRS to use previous years of data to test linking methodology for administrative data prior to receiving the administrative datasets that will be used in live processing.
2. NRS to move completed/closed actions to a separate section on the action log.
3. NRS to update the group at the next meeting on the decision made by the Health and Social Care PBPP, due to be received by NRS on Friday 7th of October.
4. NRS presented on the proposed method for imputation of missing variables on administrative data records. Any administrative data added to the census, will only have information on a few variables, such as date of birth, sex, address information and ethnicity. The remaining information needs to be imputed.
5. The group provided a steer on this to run the existing method for imputation on administrative records added to the census. Then compare the imputed values with the CCS response for administrative records that are successfully matched to the CCS

data. A final decision can then be made on the imputation method, depending on the results of the comparison. NRS to run this analysis once the administrative data is available.

6. NRS presented some analysis requested by the group comparing the number of school-aged children in the census with the Mid-year population estimates (MYEs) and data from the school pupil census and the private school census.
7. NRS to ask for information on home schooling numbers from some local authorities to get an idea of the numbers of children being home schooled.
8. NRS to present similar analysis comparing with the MYEs for all age groups.
9. The group agreed to review the time of future meetings due to the increase in time difference between the UK and Australia and New Zealand.

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