

International Steering Group – Note of Key Points

20th 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

Benjamin Little – NRS

Esta Clark – NRS

Peter Whitehouse - NRS

Damien Allen – NRS

Will Howes – NRS

Mark Dunn – NRS

Key Actions

1. NRS to provide analysis on CCS-Census linking and comparison with the Mid-year population estimates at/before the next ISG meeting.
2. NRS updated that the PBPP application for use of administrative data for the estimation and adjustment processes had received conditional approval.
3. NRS provided an update on progress made in obtaining data sharing agreements for the administrative datasets required:
 - Vital events – Complete
 - NHSCR – DSA drafted
 - Public Health Scotland Health Activity – DSA drafted
 - School Pupil Census – Legal gateway discussion on-going
 - Electoral Register – DSA draft with local authority legal departments
 - HESA – Confirmation data will be shared, pending DSA
 - DWP individual level – Not likely to be available, no legal gateway identified
 - DWP aggregates – Legal gateway found, discussing resourcing of obtaining this data
 - Local authority council tax – Considering the use of this data
4. NRS sought some input from the group around how NRS can be transparent around the planned use of admin data. The group recommended speaking with NISRA

around how they communicated the use of admin data for their Census Under-Enumeration method.

5. NRS to update the group following a meeting with the PBPP chair to get further information on some of the conditions attached to the recent approval of the application for the use of admin data in the census.
6. The group agreed to move to a weekly drop-in meeting, with full formal meetings taking place around once a month.

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