International Steering Group – Note of Key Points
10th August 2023 : 9 am – 11 am (BST)

Attending

Professor James Brown – UTS

Abby Morgan – Stats New Zealand

Owen Abbott – ONS

Alastair McAlpine – SG

Andrew Morris - Health Data Research UK

Sir Ian Diamond – UK National Statistician

Roeland Beerten – Chief Statistician, National Bank of Belgium

Esta Clark – NRS

Damien Allen – NRS

Will Howes – NRS

Lynsey Bunnefeld – NRS

Tom Macintyre - NRS

David Rowley – NRS

Bethanie Fenney - NRS

Benjamin Little - NRS

Ralph Mcdevitt – NRS

Jonathan Wroth-Smith - NRS

Uche Okoro – NRS

James Mccrum – NRS

Esther Roughsedge - NRS

Key Actions

1. NRS provided a summary of the drop-in meeting that took place since the last full ISG meeting:

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At this short meeting, the information that ISG required to be able to make a statement at the time of first release was discussed. NRS agreed to provide ISG with the required information, including results from the estimation modelling and findings from the subsequent quality assurance at the next full meeting.

2. NRS provided an overview on some of the key changes from the original design for estimating the population developed with ISG. These included:
   - Use of a logistic regression model to estimate the number of usual residents and households
   - Supplementing the Census Coverage Survey with admin data
   - Use of admin data for Communal Establishments
   - Use of the Alternative Household Estimate for bias adjustment and Quality Assurance
   - Adjustments made during modelling – for babies, school age children and households in some local authorities.

3. ISG provided the steer that care is needed on the explanation of the household adjustment being applied. NRS to reconsider the presentation of the rationale for making this adjustment.

4. NRS to have a deep dive at sub-LA level in the areas where there were differences from the household estimates.

5. NRS then presented on how the predictors of non-response for the regression models used to estimate usual residents and households were selected.

6. ISG asked for more information on the household adjustment and the modelling approach.

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