

International Steering Group – Note of Key Points

28th July 2022 : 9am – 11 am (BST time)

Attending

Professor James Brown – UTS

Abby Morgan – Stats New Zealand

Owen Abbott – ONS

Professor David Martin – University of Southampton

Sir Ian Diamond – National Statistician

Alasdair McAlpine – SG

Esta Clark – NRS

Caroline Ellis – NRS

David Rowley - NRS

Benjamin Little – NRS

Pete Whitehouse – NRS

Tom Macintyre – NRS

Bethanie Fenney – NRS

Jenny Allan-Jones – NRS

Will Howes – NRS

Mark Dunn - NRS

Key Actions

1. NRS provided an update to the group on CCS progress, with interviews now complete for 46% of addresses. There was also discussion of the plan to post out self-completion CCS forms to addresses that had refused to complete an interview with field force.
2. There was discussion around data governance for the admin data to be obtained for census. Data sharing agreements will need to contain some information on all the admin data to be linked together and the purposes it will be used for. The group offered to provide advice and assistance where possible with this process.
3. NRS updated that there has been good progress made on obtaining HESA data, with academic year 2021/22 due to be provided in December. There is an existing data sharing agreement between NRS and HESA that will require amending for the data to be provided.

4. NRS updated that they have contacted student CEs that didn't provide a census CE manager return to ask for the same information. Around 41 out of 61 have responded so far.
5. NRS to look at the number of individual returns from student CEs and compare this with the numbers provided on the CE manager return.
6. A meeting with PHS is to be arranged to discuss issues around obtaining vaccination data as part of the health activity dataset. The data would include the last date of interaction with a primary healthcare service, but wouldn't include what this activity was. Vaccination activity data would be particularly useful due to the large proportion of the population who have recently received a COVID-19 vaccine.
7. NRS to circulate a spec containing the data requested from DWP and get advice from the group on this.
8. NRS updated that they have decided not to pursue data from SAAS as it does not contain as much information as would be available from HESA. The group supported this decision.
9. NRS to obtain data on private schools for quality assurance of the school-age population.
10. NRS to produce a flow chart showing the various admin datasets they plan to use, the stage they are at in the data governance process and the impact that having/not having each source would have on the methodology.
11. Group to draft methodology options for the use of admin data for estimation, depending on the which admin sources are available and what permissions NRS have for linking these together.
12. Group agreed note of CCS sub-group meeting on 19th of July, setting out the advice the steering group gave to NRS regarding the continuation of the CCS.

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