



Evidence-Gathering Workstreams and Panel UK Meetings

Following the Review Consultation and Workshop, the [Review Panel](#) developed five evidence-gathering workstreams, each led by a member of the Panel.

- See summaries of the scope of each workstream [here](#).

As part of evidence-gathering over the spring and summer in 2017, each Panel member made visits to the UK to help inform their thinking. In total, the Panel have met or spoken with over 70 individuals and representatives of organisations, including key experts, stakeholders and users of longitudinal studies.

The Review [Steering Group](#) offers input to the Panel specifically on the UK context, including policy needs and strategic issues around the Review. Over the summer, Steering Group members have engaged with senior policy groups to supplement the Panel's meetings and ensure the Review is discussed within UK government.

Efforts have been made to organise meetings with as many and diverse interested parties as possible. Nevertheless, the Panel may not have had time to meet with everyone who would like to input into the Review. If you would like to input to the Review or have some relevant information that you feel is important for the Panel to consider, please let us know via longitudinalstudiesreview@esrc.ac.uk by **20th September 2017**.

Please also let us know of any questions or information that you would like to know about the Review that could be included in our updates via [our mailbox](#).

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Introduction, Remit and Context — Professor Pamela Davis-Kean

Professor Davis-Kean, the Review Panel Chair, visited the UK in May and July 2017 and held in-depth discussions with a wide range of individuals and organisations invested and involved in longitudinal studies. Pam spent some time talking with many of the studies themselves - [Understanding Society](#), [CLS](#), [MRC NSHD](#), [Born in Bradford](#) and [CLOSER](#)- and also representatives from [MRC](#), [Wellcome](#), the [Nuffield Foundation](#) and UKRI, among others.

Pam's workstream also involves understanding the strategic context and policy needs, which is informed by meetings with representatives from the [Children's Commissioner's Office](#), the [Resolution Foundation](#), [ONS](#), [Health Data Research UK](#) and [UK Biobank](#) and also discussions with experienced academics in the field, including those involved with ESRC's previous [Strategic Review of Panel and Cohort Studies](#) in 2006.



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Content Needs — Professor Corinna Kleinert

Professor Kleinert visited the UK in May and held some meetings jointly with Professor Leslie Davidson, who is leading on workstream 5. Corinna and Pam have also shared discussions with members of UK government departments and the devolved nations.

During her visit, Corinna spent time with teams from [Understanding Society](#) and [CLS](#), as well as government policy related meetings with representatives from [GO Science](#), the Department for Education, the Department for Work and Pensions and the [Children's Commissioner's office](#).



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Data Linkage — Professor Ray Chambers

Professor Chambers held meetings in the UK in April and August 2017. In gathering evidence in order to make recommendations with regards to data linkage, Ray has held conversation with representatives from many organisations including [CeLSIUS](#), [CLOSER](#), [ADRN](#), the [Nuffield Foundation](#), [MRC](#), [Wellcome](#), [Farr Institute](#), [NHS Digital](#), [Royal Statistical Society](#), the Department for Work and Pensions, [ONS](#) and mental health charity [MQ](#).



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Data Harmonisation — Professor Qiang Ren

Professor Ren visited the UK from China for meetings in June 2017. During his time in the UK, Qiang held meetings with representatives from [CLOSER](#), [UKDS](#), [CALLS-HUB](#), [Institute for Fiscal Studies](#), [Dementia Platform UK](#) and [UK Biobank](#).



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Training, Access and Discovery — Professor Leslie Davidson

Professor Davidson visited the UK in May and shared many meetings with Corinna, who is leading workstream 2. This involved visiting [Understanding Society](#) and [UKDS](#) and meeting with senior staff from [CLS](#) and [CLOSER](#). Leslie met with representatives from the Department for Work and Pensions, [GO Science](#) and Department for Education and also those involved with ESRC's previous [Strategic Review of Panel and Cohort Studies](#) in 2006.

