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 longituindstudiesreview@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.

1. **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, such as Understanding Society, CLS, MRC NSHD, Born in Bradford and CLOSER, and also representatives from MQ, 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.

2. **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 3. 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.

3. **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 CALIBUS, CLOSER, ADAM, the Nuffield Foundation, MRC, Wellcome, Farr Institute, NHS Digital, Royal Statistical Society, the Department for Work and Pensions, ONS and mental health charity MQ.

4. **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, CALL-HUB, Institute for Fiscal Studies, Dementia Platform UK and UK Biobank.

5. **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.