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ADRN Approvals
Panel

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Administrative Data
Research Network

An ESRC Data
Investment

ADRN

- ▶ Background & Context
- ▶ Purpose
- ▶ Panel membership
- ▶ How it works
- ▶ The support work



Background & Context

- ▶ Born from the recommendations of the Administrative Data Taskforce report:
 - ▷ UK-wide network to link government data
 - ▷ Single governance structure
 - ▷ Robust and consistent decision-making
- ▶ A bespoke service to arrange data access – not a repository
- ▶ Guided by the 'Dialogues on Data'



The ADRN Approval Panel

▶ Purposes:

- ▷ An independent body
- ▷ A fair, equitable and transparent process for access to the Network (data custodians make the final decision on whether to share their data)
- ▷ Ensures that public benefit argument is strong
- ▷ (For the future) Prioritises what the Network delivers



Who?

- ▶ Data providers: ONS, HMRC, 1 pending
- ▶ Academics: Richard Harris, Bob Woods, John Power
- ▶ Privacy & DP expert: Lynn Wyeth
- ▶ Lay members: Stephen Parker, Jen Persson
- ▶ Chair: Sir Ian Diamond



Making the decision

▶ 5 areas of consideration:

- ▷ Feasibility

- ▷ Privacy Impact

- ▷ Scientific Merit

- ▷ Public Benefit

- ▷ Ethical review

- ▷ Approve/Reject/Refer to an expert/Ask for more information



The support work

- ▶ Initial criteria sift
- ▶ Developing an application
- ▶ Objective reports on Privacy Impact and Feasibility
- ▶ Monthly meetings (teleconference or face-to-face)

