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RDS & public engagement: Engaging public trust on research & data

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Quis custodiet ipsos custodes? Who watches the watchmen?

To recognise always that the power of the police to fulfil their functions and duties is dependent on public approval of their existence, actions and behaviour and on their ability to secure and maintain public respect.



What is public engagement?

“ Public engagement describes the myriad of ways in which the activity and benefits of data and research can be shared with the public. Engagement is a two-way process, involving interaction and listening, with the goal of generating mutual benefit. ”

- *National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement*

Why is public engagement important?

- RDS's mission is to harness the potential of data for research in the public interest.
- This is the public's data: therefore, we have a duty to engage the public in how and why their data is used.
- Understanding the public's concerns and shaping research to address these is essential for maximising the public benefit of data research.

‘Data Loch’ | Privacy Concerns Raised over Medical Research Database

Named: 102 GP practices shared patient information with Data Loch project

NHS plans to share patient data with private companies are **SHELVED widespread backlash from doctors patients and campaigners over privacy fears**

Leaked document indicates Facebook insight into how user data is handled

The report casts doubt on the co

More than one million patients unable to opt out of NHS plan to share personal data

Tens of thousands of NHS patients' private medical information leaked in shocking data breach

- Thousands of NHS patients' info was leaked by a Preston-based consultancy
- The firm, called PSL Print Management, is paid millions each year by the NHS
- The confidential files included hospital appointment letters and test results

Stop screening DNA of healthy babies because data could be hacked or sold by Governments in future, ethics expert says

DARE UK public dialogue.

- We know from over a decade of previous research that the public broadly support the use of their sensitive data in research.
- But we also know that this support is conditional on the safe storage and appropriate use of that data, and trustworthiness is crucial.
- Read full report [here](#).

DARE UK

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DARE UK public dialogue findings.

- They wanted all researchers, including commercial organisations, to have access to their data when the research is in the public benefit.
- However, participants were surprised by how long and hard it can be to access data and wanted to see these processes improved.
- They also felt the public are currently left in the dark about data research.
- For it to be trustworthy, they see a clear need for data custodians to tell the public about what is being done with their data, how and why.
- And they want to be meaningfully involved and engaged on how their data is used for the public good.

RDS & Public Engagement.

- RDS must provide clear explanations on how and why data is gathered, stored, shared and used.
- RDS will embed public engagement across the data network sharing our insight and avoiding costly duplication of activities among our partners.
- That's why we will develop a range of activities to enable the public to influence the way we work.

Aims & objectives.

Trustworthiness: By listening and responding to public views on how Scottish data is used.

Public benefit: Show the public benefit of data usage.

Public support: For the work we deliver.

Innovation: Addressing major societal challenges.

Enlightenment: Show how research can improve lives.

Public engagement principles.

1. Meaningful engagement.
2. A two-way conversation.
3. Accountability.
4. Inclusivity.
5. Transparency.
6. Collaboration.

Communicating our public engagement.

‘Working with the Public’ on researchdata.scot.

- Clear descriptions on governance & security.
- Blogs, news, videos, infographics on key milestones.
- Case studies and the results of engagement.
- All outputs will be shared with panel members.
- Larger public dialogue through the media.

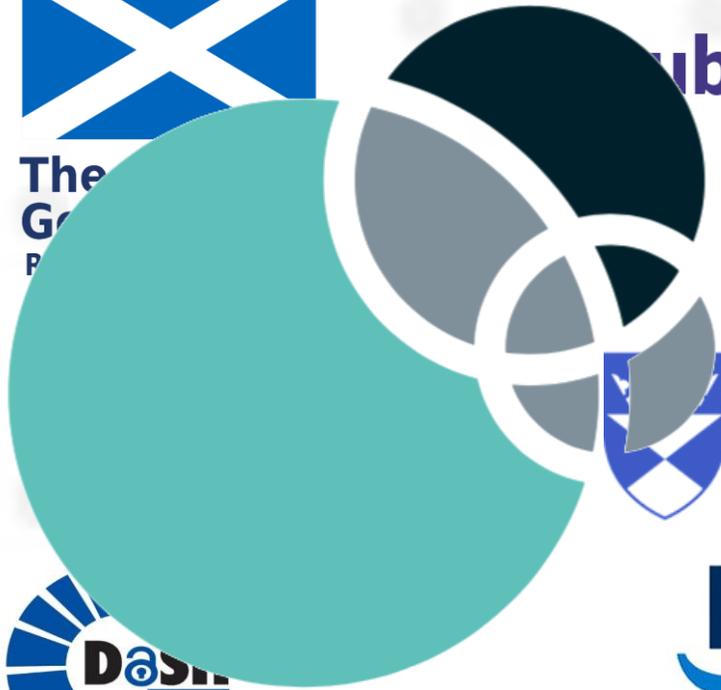
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ADR Scotland & Public Engagement.

- ADR UK [Public Engagement strategy](#)
- ADR Scotland [Public Panel](#)
- Children and young people [engagement pilot](#) in Scotland
- ADR UK and UK Stats Authority soon to launch a public dialogue exploring “public good”



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In more public engagement news, in the next few months we will be involving people from all over the UK to explore public perceptions on use of data & statistics for "public good". Looking forward to working with [@adr_uk](#) and [@StatsRegulation](#) on this!



Pilot public engagement panel.

Commissioned by the [Data & Intelligence Network](#).

- This pilot will function as a “test and learn” project.
- The findings will inform a range of data research projects as well as offering an opportunity to apply scrutiny to policy decision making.

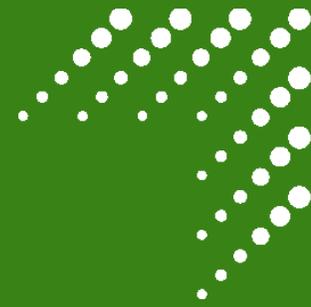
Pilot panel outputs.

We anticipate requiring the following deliverables from the dialogue contractor:

- Design and facilitation of the events.
- Launch with network to raise awareness of panel and its benefits.
- Short summaries of public feedback on each future project.
- Overall report on process, findings on past projects, learning for future projects.
- Report on options for sustainable panel infrastructure that can be used for future projects once the pilot ends.

Get involved.

We hope to select a dialogue contractor this month.
If you would like to get involved in this journey
please email info@researchdata.scot.



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Thank you!