Safe Data Access Professionals Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday 9th September 2020, 10.00 - 12.00

Virtual meeting (Zoom)

Attendees

Christine Woods (UK Data Service) (Chair), **James Scott** (UK Data Service) (Deputy Chair), **Hannah Josol** (UK Data Service), **Alexa Bradley** (Office for National Statistics), **James Dainty** (HM Revenue & Customs), **Anthony Macken** (Central Statistics Office, Dublin), **Richard Welpton** (The Health Foundation), **Mary McDerby** (University of Manchester), **Jorgen Engmann** (The Health Foundation), **Aida Sanchez** (Centre for Longitudinal Studies, University College London), **Tony Stone** (ScHARR, University of Sheffield), **Deborah Wiltshire** (UK Data Service), **Chris Orton** (Swansea University), **Yannis Kotrotsios** (Cancer Research UK), **Trevor Peacock** (University College London), **Carole Morris** (Public Health Scotland), **Simon Parker** (Cancer Research UK), **Elaine Mackey** (Centre for Epidemiology, University of Manchester), **Yuanyuan Zhang** (University of Manchester), **Martin O'Reilly** (The Alan Turing Institute)

Apologies

Katherine Dempsey (replaced by **Yuanyuan Zhang**)

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, including new members. Everyone then introduced themselves.

2. Research Data Alliance (RDA) data sharing guidance (Simon Parker)

Simon Parker from Cancer Research UK delivered a presentation on the Research Data Alliance (RDA) COVID-19 data sharing guidelines.

The presentation provided background on the Research Data Alliance and the project to produce guidelines on the sharing of COVID-19 data. It also included an overview of the guidelines (including links to the resources), and future developments.

Slides accompany these minutes.

3. New member introductions:
3a. Networked Data Lab (NDL) launched by The Health Foundation (Jorgen Engmann)

Jorgen Engmann from the Health Foundation delivered a presentation on the Networked Data Lab (NDL).

The presentation covered the rationale and objectives for the NDL, the NDL partners, the NDL information flow, and links to more information.

Slides accompany these minutes.

3b. Population Data Science @ Swansea University (Chris Orton)

Chris Orton from Swansea University delivered a presentation on Population Data Science at Swansea University.

The presentation provided an overview and summary of SAIL Databank, BREATHE (the Health Data Research Hub for Respiratory Health), and SeRP (Secure e-Research Platform).

4. Round table updates (All services)

As there was a lot of interesting and useful discussion following the three presentations, there was less time than anticipated for the round table updates from all services.

The chair asked attendees whether they had anything to update the group on or to discuss.

The Health Foundation, Richard Welpton

- Richard updated that he had joined the Research Data Alliance (RDA) and the Professionalising Data Stewardship IG Group. As part of this group's work, Richard will be leading a work package to increase the visibility of data stewards. If members are interested in contributing to the data stewardship or other RDA-related work, then please speak to Richard or go to the RDA website. A list of the RDA groups can be found here: https://www.rd-alliance.org/groups
- Richard also updated that himself and Simon Parker have developed an output checkers training course, for output-checking staff based at NHS Digital. Richard noted that the course may be of interest to other services/providers, and that it would be offered to SDAP in due course.

5. AOB & Close

SDAP logo

- James Scott introduced the idea of producing a logo for SDAP to create a brand for the group, as well as a leaflet describing and promoting the work of the group. The group agreed that this would be useful.
- James asked whether any members were able to assist with producing the SDAP logo. It was agreed that James would discuss this work with Simon Parker. James also to circulate materials to the group for comments.

NHS-HE Information Governance Working Group

Trevor Peacock provided a summary of the Group and provided a link for further information: https://community.jisc.ac.uk/groups/nhs-he-forum-connectivity-project/article/nhs-he-information-governance-working-group

Future meetings

The group then discussed whether they felt an increase of the duration of online meetings from 2 hours to 2.5 hours is appropriate. Members agreed that 2.5 hours is a good duration for online meetings with a 5-10-minute comfort break in between.

Meeting close

The chair then closed the meeting at 12:00 and thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions, and looks forward to the next meeting on 9th December, which will be held online.