

# UKDS COVID Data Dive 2020

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# Introduction

The UK Data Service:

- Is a comprehensive resource funded by the ESRC
- Provides a single point of access to social, economic and population data
- Works with data owners to make these data available
- Provides training on these data
- Provides research data management training
- Provides access to special licence and secure data

**#UKDSCovidDataDive**



# Rapid Changes to COVID-19: Data collection & access

- The data world has reacted quickly to the COVID pandemic
- Data Collection & Ingest:
  - UK Surveys have developed new COVID surveys & got these out into the field
  - UKDS have worked hard to process these data quickly but safely
- Data Access:
  - Lockdown has meant many researchers currently unable to meet the access conditions for some datasets
  - UK Data Service has worked with data owners to adapt data access
- Secure Access:
  - Training has moved online very quickly
  - Access conditions have been renegotiated to allow temporary working from home

# COVID data dive – key datasets



- Listening to Young Lives at Work: COVID-19 Phone Survey, First Call, 2020
- Estimating the effects of non-pharmaceutical interventions on COVID-19 in Europe, model fit for Bayesian model 2020
- UK Census
- 2001 & 2011 Census
- 1971-2001 Census
- Boundary data for 1981 to 2011

# Some additional data sources....

Survey	COVID-19 Content
Opinions and Lifestyle Survey	Ongoing module
Health Survey for England	Planning for 2021
Scottish Health Survey	Aug-Sept 2020 (wave 1); possible Nov-Dec (wave 2)
Child Psychiatric Morbidity Survey	Follow up: July 2020
National Diet and Nutrition Survey	Follow up: Aug-Dec 2020
National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyle	Follow up: July-August 2020 (wave 1) early 2021 (wave 2)

# Data Access Policy: our spectrum

## End User Licence

- Government Office Region
- Year of birth/single year age

## Special Licence

- Lower level geography, i.e. LAD
- Month & year of birth

## Controlled/Secure Access

- Lower geographies, i.e. post code
- Full date of birth
- Sensitive information – Interpersonal violence
- Linkage to admin data like NPD, HES (new)

# Some examples of secure access data...

## English Longitudinal Study of Ageing

- Lower level geographies
  - LSOA
  - MSOA
- Census boundaries
- Population density measure by post code
- Pension file – year will reach pension age
- Indices of Multiple Deprivation

## Understanding Society & National Pupil Database

- Key Stage scores
- Free School Meals
- SEN provision
- Pupil absences
- Exclusions & reasons

# Secure Access - The Secure Lab

- Provides **controlled access** to a range of sensitive and potentially disclosive data
- Around **70 datasets** currently
  - Business data
  - Longitudinal and cohort data
  - National Pupil Database
  - More to come!
- The Secure Lab is a remote service that is a sealed off environment
- Researchers access these data **remotely** through their own institutional PC
- **Virtual environment** has a number of controls to prevent breaches
- Anything going in or out of the Secure Lab is assessed by Support Team
  - Importing additional data
  - Releasing results from analysis



# Becoming a Safe Researcher/Application Process

- Multi-stage process
- Must be based in the UK
- Need to submit a [research proposal](#)
  - Valid statistical purpose
  - Must be feasible
- Need to become an [Accredited Researcher](#)
  - Have to meet the data owners criteria
  - Need to attend a one-day training course

Enjoy the data dive!