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The ethics self-assessment; a tool for the ethics of data use and reuse.

What is this tool? How and why we facilitate its use in the UK Statistics Authority?

Focus on data re-use.





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Data re-use legislation in the UK

Administrative data is legally-protected data. Access to it is governed by the Digital Economy Act 2017 (DEA).

A legal and safe way to share data (admin and survey) for research is the DEA.

The powers of the DEA allow to share deidentified data for research in the public interest.

Ethics must be considered and the public good must be clear among other conditions (training, accreditation of researchers, etc). ELEZABETH II

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Digital Economy Act 2017

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Self-assessment tool.

The Centre for Applied Data Ethics (CADE) at the UK Statistics Authority (UKSA)plays an important role in reviewing the ethics of projects prior to them accessing data through Trusted Research Environments.

The tool is based on the UKSA's principles and sub-principles.



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The tool in more detail

have received to do this research

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11	<u>Standards</u>	The research organisation has established and tested procedures, and complies with recognised standards	Please explain the established research standards of the research organisation	Research will take place in a DEA Accredited secure research environment. All researchers are DEA-accredited or accredited under the SRSA Approved Researcher gateway. Research outputs will be subject to detailed peer review as part of the publication process. Conducting this work in a DEA accredited environment ensures compliance with recognised standards regarding capability (training, policies and procedures) and security.
12	Training	Researchers are appropriately trained to recognised	Please explain the training that researchers	All researchers have been accredited under the research strand of the Digital Economy Act 2017 or the approved researcher gateway under the Statistics and Registration Servive Act 2007.

Links with guidance.

Training

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- Over 1,000 projects reviewed using this framework.
- One day turnaround average time (with comments, mitigations, suggestions, escalation or sign off).
- Sign off the appropriate use of the tool. Our sign off is used to access data for re-use (all sectors).
- An excellent way to support researchers and statisticians to consider the ethics of their projects.

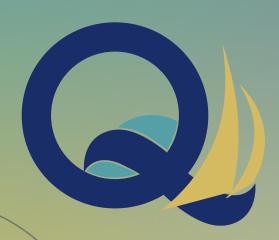






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