**REACT Programme Data Access Committee**

**Terms of Reference – June 2023**

The Data Access Committee will:

1. Make data access decisions based on public benefit relating to the REACT-1 and REACT-2 cohort datasets, including test result data as well as the consented database.

2. Be chaired by the REACT Programme Director, Professor Paul Elliott, or a person delegated by him.

3. Consider requests for access to data or samples obtained by all studies within the REACT Programme. Where data are covered by Joint Controllership agreements then the appropriate joint controller representatives will be members of the Committee. Such members are welcome to observe other applications which do not involve data under their control.

4. Have a quorum consisting of the Chair and at least three further members, including a public representative. Where a request under discussion concerns data under joint data controllership then quorum to include a representative from each Data Controller relevant to the item under discussion. In case of items under joint data controllership approvals require the agreement of both Data Controllers. In case of irreconcilable dispute between the Data Controllers then a sub group will be convened under an independent chair with appropriate representatives from each Data Controller to identify and resolve the dispute.

5. Hold quarterly meetings, or as required.

The purpose of the meetings shall be to:

* Review applications for access to identifiable and de-identified study data, use of participant samples and requests to re-contact REACT participants.
* Approve applications that are appropriate, given due regard to the REACT Data Management and Sharing Policy
* To review the studies with active access to the data.
* To review any issues identified with data access arrangements or re-contact requests.
* Review and update the Data Management and Sharing Policy; Publication Policy; User agreement; Data Access agreement; Application process; Data access flowchart.
* To monitor and review notifications from the ONS SRS relating to access to REACT 1 and 2 cohort datasets and to take due account of these when approving other requests. Authority is delegated to the SRS Research Accreditation Panel to review and approve these requests within agreed criteria.
* Consider data access requests that cannot be referred to the ONS SRS or its Research Accreditation Panel.

**Membership:**

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| REACT Programme Director (Chair) and Imperial College Data Controller | Professor Paul Elliott |
| REACT Study Investigators (at least two of) | Professor Helen WardProfessor Graham CookeProfessor Wendy BarclayProfessor Christl DonnellyDr Christina AtchisonDr Bethan Davies |
| Joint Data Controllers* UK Health Security Agency (for REACT-1 & REACT-2 Data)
* Genomics England (for REACT-GE and REACT-LC Data)
 | Chris Sheldon or nomineeShahla Salehi or nominee |
| Public member | Marney Williams + one other (for cover) |
| Secretary | REACT Programme Manager (Graham Blakoe) |
| Observers (to be invited as appropriate) | REACT Infrastructure DirectorREACT Systems ManagerREACT CollaboratorsImperial College Data Protection OfficerImperial College Information GovernanceExternal data providersFunders |

**Quorum:** The DAC quorum consists of the Chair and at least three further members, including a public representative. Where a request under discussion concerns data under Joint Data Controllership then quorum will include a representative from each Data Controller for the item under discussion and approvals require the agreement of both Data Controllers.

**Urgent Requests:** Under extenuating circumstances where it is not practical for a meeting to be held or for an essential member to attend then a request may be agreed by the Chair, who will take discussions with other members of the RDAC, as appropriate and at his discretion. Any such decision will be reviewed by the next meeting of the RDAC.