

DATA DELIVERY GROUP

INFORMATION GOVERNANCE REVIEW: RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

1. We hold a wealth of data in Scotland – including in the course of delivering high quality, evidence-based public services. And the volume and nature of data collected by Scottish public bodies is changing rapidly, along with the way we use this to deliver public value.
2. We need Information Governance processes and policies that are fit for these changes. To achieve this, it is necessary to review the way we use, handle and share data in order to deliver more proportionate and robust access arrangements that build trust and understanding in solutions across the user community and the general public.
3. We need to initiate coherent change so that processes for using data are not duplicated, or working in isolation. These challenges are as relevant for public service delivery as they are for the way we enable research and innovation and they span all sectors – including but not limited to health and care.
4. The 2017 Digital Strategy set out a series of measures around data driven innovation spanning research and public service delivery; this made reference to initiatives to improve IG and assurance arrangements to support and unlock these wider benefits. A Data Driven Innovation programme was set out in PfG and is being taken forward by Roger Halliday's division. This includes a cross-sectoral review of IG for research and statistics as well as proposals for building public trust and engagement in this work.
5. Since then, the Health and Care Digital Strategy has been published. Under Domain B of the Strategy, a list of actions to deliver a simplified and accelerated national approach to IG for health and care are set out. Part of Domain B focuses on research and innovation and overlaps closely with work being taken forward on Data Driven Innovation by Roger Halliday.
6. Due to the way in which research and innovation are developing – drawing in data from several sectors simultaneously - it is important that any system of IG maps to this user requirement. As such we propose to undertake a review of IG for research and statistics that engages all sectors under one umbrella. Separate arrangements will exist across the system however these will stem from a common approach and policy framework.
7. We would like for the DDG to oversee this programme of work to review the Information Governance arrangements covering research and innovation. This would include a strand to develop public engagement strategies and explore issues of public trust in how, why and when we share data.
8. We are working up a Project Plan, PID and Terms of Reference for this review, with proposals around governance and would like to present this to the Group at the meeting in March.

9. Other parts of Domain B addressing IG for service delivery sit separately from this work and so Health and Care colleagues have agreed to take this work forward via the Strategic Portfolio Board under the Health and Care Digital Strategy. There are some parts which will sit over the top of these two strands and we will work together with colleagues in e- Health to consider how these are best developed.