**RSU091 – NILS Glossary – Groups and Acronyms**

This document provides useful information on the various groups involved within NILS, including a brief outline of their responsibilities, and lists the meaning of various acronyms that are used within the context of NILS.

**Groups**

NILS-Research Support Unit (NILS-RSU)

This group includes NISRA staff who act as support officers to provide advice and guidance to researchers accessing the NILS & NIMS.

TTP (Trusted Third Party)

The responsibility of this group is to facilitate the linkage of data between the data providers and NILS.

NILS Steering Group

The responsibility of this group is to manage the strategic direction of the NILS.

NILS Research Approvals Group (NILS-RAG)

The responsibility of this group is to approve NILS research projects.

NILS User Group

The responsibility of this group is to facilitate networking between NILS users.

NILS Researchers

Researchers can be a selection of academia and government researchers.

**Acronyms**

*NISRA and Research Partners:*

NISRA Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency

VARS Vital Statistics and Administrative Research and Support (Branch)

RSU Research Support Unit

DIAL Data Integration and Linkage (TTP function)

DoH Department of Health

BSO Business Services Organisation

HBS Honest Broker Service(within BSO)

PHA Public Health Agency

GRO General Register Office

RG Registrar General

*Datasets:*

NILS Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study

NIMS Northern Ireland Mortality Study

*NILS Groups:*

NILS-RSU Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study Research Support Unit

NILS-SG Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study Steering Group

NILS-RAG Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study Research Approvals Group

NILS-RSO Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study Research Support Officer

*Funders:*

ESRC Economic and Social Research Council (funder of the NILS-RSU)

HSC R&D Health and Social Care Research and Development function of the Public Health Agency (funder for the creation of the NILS)

*UK-wide:*

UKSA UK Statistics Authority (promote and safeguard the production of official statistics)

ONS LS Office for National Statistics Longitudinal Study (England &Wales)

CeLSIUS Centre for Longitudinal Study Information and User Support (support unit for the ONS LS)

SLS Scottish Longitudinal Study

SLS-DSU Scottish Longitudinal Study Development and Support Unit

CALLS Census & Administrative data Longitudinal Studies (UK hub to co-ordinate developments and access across the UK)

SYLLS Synthetic Data Estimation for UK Longitudinal Studies

UKcenLS UK Census Longitudinal Study

SPiNe Science & Policy Network

*Ethical Approval:*

ORECNI Office for Research Ethics Committees Northern Ireland

IRAS Integrated Research Application System

*Security and Training:*

AR Accredited researcher

SRT Safe Researcher Training

BPSS Baseline Personnel Security Standard (AccessNI equivalent)

*Data Privacy:*

DEA Digital Economy Act

GDPR General Data Protection Regulation

DPIA Data Privacy Impact Assessment

SDC Statistical Disclosure Control

*Other Data linkage Initiatives:*

ADRC Administrative Data Research Centre

ADRN Administrative Data Research Network

ADT Administrative Data Taskforce

RAP Research Accreditation Panel (RAG equivalent for ADR/ONS projects)

*External Network Servers:*

SRS Secure Research Service (ONS remote access facility)

*Secondary Care Data:*

HBS Honest Broker Service

NICR Northern Ireland Cancer Registry

NIMATS Northern Ireland Maternity System

SOSCARE Social Services Client Administration and Retrieval Environment

EPD Enhanced Prescribing Database

NIRSH Northern Ireland Registry of Self-Harm

HCN Health & Care Number

*NILS Projects:*

PAD Project Administrative Database (database of all projects supported and managed by RSU)

DLP Distinct Linkage Project

*Project Documents:*

DAA Data Access Agreements

DSA Data Sharing Agreement

DDA Data Deposit Agreement

DPA Data Processing Agreement

FAR Feasibility Assessment Report

PSA Project Sensitivity Assessment

PIA Privacy Impact Assessment

PAT Project Accreditation Tool

*NILS Variables and Tables:*

SOA Super Output Area

SDZ Super Data Zones

NIMDM Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measures

NS-SEC National Statistics Socio-Economic Classification

AGG Aggregated (specified variable has been aggregated)