



NILS009 - NILS RAG Criteria

Criteria used by Research Approvals Group to assess Proposed NILS Projects.

RSU will consider criteria relating to Part B of the Application Form before the Application is submitted to the RAG (criteria 6, 7, 8 & 12 are considered by RSU, criteria 16, 17 & 18 are to be considered by both RSU and the data supplier).

Relevance of Research Proposal to NILS

1. Is there a longitudinal aspect to the research? (essential criterion)
2. Is the NILS uniquely placed to contribute to the study?
3. Does the preliminary work indicate a good understanding of how NILS might help answer the research question?
4. Are the main aims of the project feasible using the NILS data?
5. Will the project maintain the public and academic confidence in the NILS and ensure the integrity of NISRA is protected?
6. Is the sample size of any subgroup targeted sufficient?
7. Are there any anticipated disclosure risks?
8. Does Part B of the application form relate to the abstract/aims of the project?

Relevance of Research Project to HPSS

9. Does the project relate to Health & Social Care Research? (essential criterion)
10. Does this project support the development/delivery of public policy?

Competence of Researcher to use the NILS

11. Does the researcher demonstrate experience or an understanding of using longitudinal data?
12. Is this new research - not previously approved for a different researcher/project?

Planned Publication and Dissemination of Findings

13. Has the researcher considered who the stakeholders are for dissemination? (including local NI policy makers, national and international audiences)
14. Has the researcher considered different methods of dissemination (articles, presentations etc.)?
15. Is the project time-frame feasible?



For Distinct Linkage Projects

16. Has the researcher demonstrated the need to have the additional individual level data linked to the NILS?
17. Has the researcher supplied evidence of support from the Data Custodian?
18. Has the researcher understood the requirement to have a one-way encryption process?

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