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## RSU024 - NILS RAG Criteria

Criteria used by Research Approvals Group (RAG) and Research Support Unit (RSU) to assess Proposed NILS Projects.

### Criteria for Consideration of RAG

1. Are the main aims of the project feasible using the NILS data?
2. Does the project relate to Health & Social Care Research? (essential criterion)
3. Is there a public benefit?
4. Are any limitations acknowledged and/or the use of proxies clear?
5. Are any relevant privacy implications sufficiently mitigated? Data providers also need to assess the use of variables in projects, in particular sensitive variables

### Criteria for Consideration of RSU

1. Is the project feasible?
2. Is there a longitudinal aspect to the research? (essential criterion)
3. Is the sample size of any subgroup targeted sufficient?
4. Has justification been provided for all variables, in particular sensitive variables? Does the variable list match the objectives of the project?
5. In the case of Distinct Linkage Projects - Has the researcher supplied evidence of support from the Data Custodian and a formal ethical review?



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