



RSU091 – NILS Glossary – Groups and Acronyms

The following 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-Core

This group consists of NISRA staff. Responsibilities include creating the NILS database, maintaining a secure network, ensuring confidentiality.

NILS-Research Support Unit (NILS-RSU)

This is a group funded by the ESRC, Director Dr Ian Shuttleworth, which includes NISRA staff who act as support officers to provide advice and guidance to researchers accessing the NILS & NIMS.

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 Research Forum

This responsibility of this group is to provide a platform for NILS research activity and promote NILS usage.

NILS Researchers

Researchers can be a selection of academia (NI and GB) and government researchers.



Acronyms

NISRA	Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency
RSU	Research Support Unit
VARS	Vital Statistics and Administrative Research and Support (Branch)
DoH	Department of Health
BSO	Business Services Organisation
DIAL	Data Integration and Linkage
NILS	Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study
NIMS	Northern Ireland Mortality Study
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:

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)
VML	Virtual Microdata Laboratory (ONS remote access facility)
SLS	Scottish Longitudinal Study
SLS-DSU	Scottish Longitudinal Study Development and Support Unit
LSCS	Longitudinal Studies Centre Scotland (former name of support unit for the SLS)
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



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Other Data linkage Initiatives:

ADRC	Administrative Data Research Centre
ADRN	Administrative Data Research Network
ADT	Administrative Data Taskforce
HBS	Honest Broker Service