

Wessex Data Access Committee: Minutes

Date: Friday 19th December 2025
Time: 13:00-15:00
Location: Virtual via TEAMS (meeting recorded for training and reflection)

Chair: Dr Rachel Chappell
Secretariat: Rebecca Wood

Present:

Rachel Chappell (Chair) RC; Keith Gomes Pinto (NHS Dorset) KGP; Will Jennings (Associate Dean Research & Enterprise, UoS) WJ; Patricia Fuller (Research Fellow, NIHR ARC Wessex) PF; John McBeth (Professor of Health Data Science, UoS) JM; Sam Fortune (Digital Critical Friend) SF; Sandra Hall (Digital Critical Friend) SH; Lindsay Anderson (Digital Critical Friend) LA; Mark Heffernan (Director of Operations, Wessex SDE: Presenter) MH; Michael George (Clinical Digital Research Fellow) MG; Rebecca Wood (Minutes) RW.

Apologies: Andy Taylor, Heather Case, Nick Fuggle

	Item
1.	<p>Welcome and Administrative Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair welcomed attendees to the Wessex SDE Data Access Committee meeting. • Apologies noted. • No declarations of interest raised. • Previous minutes (Paper A) approved. <p>Chair informed the group that the minutes from these meetings will not be published and hosted on the SDE website currently due to variation in operations between SDEs. A regional workshop on national policy is scheduled for January, and the decision will be reviewed after this. Committee agreed with the decision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair circulated the link to the draft website on 18/12/2025 and presented the page for committee members to review. <p>General agreement of approval sought, any updates in the future, please let us know.</p>
2.	<p>Study 1: MIPNet: Motorcycle Injury Prevention Network</p> <p>MH Presented an overview of the study and shared slides.</p> <p>Study which aims to evaluate the effectiveness of interventions in reducing motorcycle accidents and injuries in Dorset. The study leverages the existing PRANA data asset within the SDE, linking multiple datasets to assess outcomes. This study marks the first</p>

significant research contribution from Dorset County Hospital to the SDE, with the potential to expand regionally and enhance the PRANA dataset with new data sources.

Discussion:

- The study is seen as highly positive, with strong public and NHS value, especially given the burden of motorcycle accidents on trauma services.
- There was interest in whether the data covers the full trauma pathway, including post-acute and primary care. Future ambitions to expand data sources.
- The project is currently Dorset-focused but is designed for potential regional expansion.
- The study can be used to inform prevention policies and safety legislation down the line.

Decision: Approved

3. **End-of-year Review and Committee Reflections:**

Chair present a summary of the DACs progress over the year, highlighting monthly meetings since March, the establishment of terms of reference and SOPs, and the transition from the UHS DAC to the current committee as the sole decision-making body for studies.

Studies approved since April 2025:

- 13 UHS DAC approved studies
- 14 Wessex DAC approved studies

Next steps:

- National SDE workshop scheduled for January to include-
 - National and localised DARF paperwork
 - DAC remit and responsibility
 - Decision making, members and publication of minutes
- Development of precedent setting criteria to streamline the process
- Working across multiple SDEs

Chair and MH thanked the committee for their attendance, hard work and contribution to discussion over the last year.

Committee members reflected positively on the year, appreciating the inclusive format, the value of public and professional perspectives, and the effectiveness of the process. Members noted improved understanding of paperwork and process.

	<p>Committee member suggested considering how to communicate the evolving expertise of lay members and the importance of closing the feedback loop with the wider public and suggested having a statement regarding this.</p>
4.	Final Plenary Discussion: Conclusions and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair wished the committee best wishes for the holidays.
5.	Close of meeting