

Sex and Gender in Data Working Group Note of Meeting – 28 November 2019

Attendees
Roger Halliday (RH)
Mark Hollinsworth (MH)
Simon Cameron (SC)
Elaine Strange (ES)
Sarah Munro (SM)
Matthew Maycock (MM)
Sean Stronach (SeS)
Jon Hunter (JH)
Anneli Lyon (AL)
Poppy Wilson (PW) (Secretariat)
Eliza Swinn (ES) (via phone)
Melissa Randall (MR) (via phone)
Apologies
Simon Stockwell (SSt)

Welcome and note of meeting on 31 October

RH welcomed attendees to the meeting, and invited introductions around the table and on the phone. Minutes and actions from the previous meeting on 31 October were reviewed and agreed.

Updates from Working Group members

Members around the table shared an update from their respective organisations relevant to the topic of sex and gender in data. It was noted that ONS has a working group on Data Harmonisation which is doing work on an interim standard for gender identity.

Forward planning – upcoming meetings and events

It was noted that the working group will begin meeting with stakeholders in December and January, and is planning its first public engagement event in January, with the aim of facilitating a respectful discussion on what the Group has learnt so far, and to inform the proposal that is being developed by the working group.

Discussion of draft proposal

Members discussed the principles that will be important in putting together guidance on the collection of data on sex and gender to give organisations and individuals' confidence, and to support their decisions on delivering and improving public services. This includes the use of clear definitions that are inclusive, and ensuring that guidance is easy to interpret and relevant to real-life scenarios.

AOB

RH thanked all for attending, and for their input to the meeting. Next meeting will be in January 2020.