REACT Programme Data Access Committee
Terms of Reference – December 2024

The Data Access Committee will:

1. Make data access decisions based on public benefit relating to the REACT Programme datasets and samples, including test result data as well as the consented database.
2. Consider requests for access to data or samples obtained by all studies within the REACT Programme.
3. Have a quorum consisting of the Chair and at least three further members, including a public representative.
4. Where data are covered by Joint Controllership agreements then the appropriate Joint Controller representatives will be invited to attend. Such members are welcome to observe other applications which do not involve data under their control.
5. In case of items under Joint data Controllership if either Data Controller objects then the proposal will be rejected and subject to dispute mechanism below.
6. In case of irreconcilable dispute between the Data Controllers then a sub group will be convened under an independent chair with appropriate representatives from each Data Controller to identify and resolve the dispute.
7. Hold quarterly meetings, or as required.

The purpose of the meetings shall be to:

- Review applications for access to identifiable and de-identified study data, use of participant samples and requests to re-contact REACT participants.
- Approve applications that are appropriate, given due regard to the REACT Data Management and Sharing Policy
- To review the studies with active access to the data.
- To review any issues identified with data access arrangements or re-contact requests.
- Review and update the Data Management and Sharing Policy; Publication Policy; User agreement; Data Access agreement; Application process; Data access flowchart.
- If/when the REACT datasets are deposited in external Trusted Research Environments (TREs) then the RDAC will monitor and review notifications from the TRE relating to access to the REACT datasets and to take due account of these when approving other requests. Authority may be delegated to the TRE research access approval panel to review and approve these requests within agreed criteria.
- Consider data access requests that cannot be referred to another TRE research access approval panel.
- It is recognised that some requests for the use of REACT require only anonymous data, aggregated data (with small numbers suppressed) or already publicly available data. In such cases, whilst it is still important to record and track such use, the approval of such requests may be delegated to the Chair or his nominee for approval outside the meeting. A summary will be presented to the next meeting, for information.

Membership:

REACT Programme Director (Chair) and Imperial College Data Controller (PE or nominee must attend)	Professor Paul Elliott
REACT Study Investigators (at least two of)	Professor Helen Ward Professor Graham Cooke Professor Wendy Barclay Professor Christl Donnelly Dr Christina Atchison Dr Bethan Davies
Joint Data Controllers (invited if data under joint controllership involved) • UK Health Security Agency (for REACT-1 & REACT-2 Data) • Genomics England (for REACT-GE and REACT-LC Data)	[redacted] [redacted]
Public member (at least one of)	[redacted]
Secretary	REACT Programme Manager [redacted]
Observers (to be invited as appropriate)	REACT Infrastructure Director REACT Systems Manager REACT Collaborators Imperial College Data Protection Officer Imperial College Information Governance External data providers Funders

Quorum: The DAC quorum consists of the Chair and at least three further members including a public representative, as indicated in the table above.

Urgent Requests: Where it is not practical for a meeting to be held or for an essential member to attend then a request may be agreed by the Chair, who will take discussions with other members of the RDAC, as appropriate and at his discretion. Any such decision will be reviewed by the next meeting of the RDAC.

NHS Data: Any studies requiring the use of NHS Data must apply for these themselves and establish their own DARS agreement. REACT does not have a sublicence agreement.

Purpose: The RDAC will encourage the use of the REACT data. It is not the role of the RDAC to review the science behind the requests however it may provide constructive comment on the proposed analyses. The RDAC should ensure that the proposed use of the data is secure, legal, within the consent and has appropriate ethical approval.