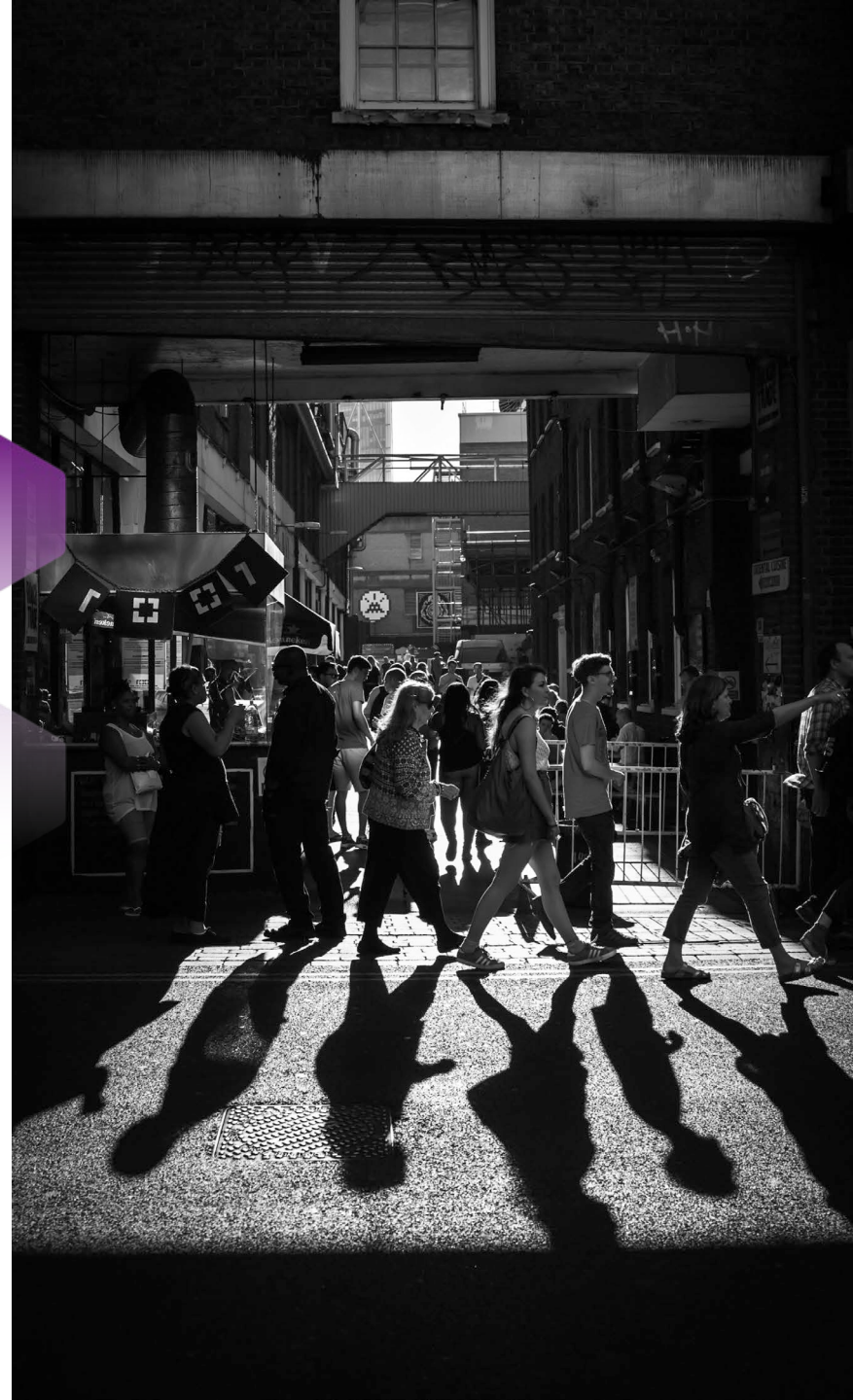


Making a Secure Data application

Iraklis Kyritsis, Data Access Team Manager
Siôn Clarke, Data Access and Use Assistant
UK Data Archive, UK Data Service
20 May 2025



What we will cover in this session

- Introduction to Controlled/Secure Data and UKDS SecureLab.
- Application components and eligibility.
- Applying to access non-ONS, ONS and SERL controlled data.
- Homeworking applications.
- Q & A.

UKDS Licence and Access Framework

We provide access to data via a three-tier access policy:

- Open.
- Safeguarded.
- Controlled (also known as secure).

Open Data

Data that are neither classified as Personal Data nor Personal Information and with no residual risk of disclosure or where consent to share Personal Data or Personal Information as Open Access is in place.

These are made available to any user without the requirement for registration for download/access.

Usual licences for reuse are the [Open Government Licence](#) and [Creative Commons variations](#).

Safeguarded Data

Data that are neither classified as Personal Data nor Personal Information and where the risk of identification is considered sufficiently remote. These data are effectively anonymised.

Use of data is subject to the [End User Licence Agreement](#) (PDF).

These data are made available to registered, authenticated users, and where appropriate, additional conditions and agreements are put in place.

Controlled/Secure Data

- Data classified as Personal Information or Personal Data and data that are particularly sensitive, commercially or otherwise.
- Use of data is subject to the [End User Licence Agreement](#) (PDF) and facilitated via the [Five Safes framework](#).
- These data are made available to registered, authenticated, trained and accredited researchers, with projects approved by the data owner(s) through a secure connection method.
- Before access is given to the UK Data Service SecureLab, each team member and a suitable delegated authority in their institution must sign our [Secure Access User Agreement](#) (PDF).

The Five Safes, a framework for safe data access



The Five Safes	
Is this an appropriate use of the data?	Safe projects +
How trustworthy are the researchers?	Safe people +
Does the environment prevent misuse?	Safe setting +
Is the data detail appropriate?	Safe data +
Is there any confidentiality risk from publication?	Safe outputs =
	Safe use

UKDS SecureLab - remote access to controlled data

- We've run the UKDS SecureLab as our Trusted Research Environment solution since 2011, to enable safe access to our most sensitive data.
- Access remotely from a designated office at the organisational/institutional site, via the UKDA Safe Room, via one of the SafePods across the UK, and [internationally via selected Safe Rooms of our IDAN partners](#).
- Outputs subject to Statistical Disclosure Control (SDC).

Application components

Project Application

Accredited Researcher

Safe Researcher Training

Secure Access User Agreement

SecureLab account setup

Who is eligible to apply?

- Except for selected non-ONS datasets made available via our IDAN agreements, controlled datasets are only available to researchers who are both physically based in the UK and affiliated to a UK organisation that would take legal responsibility for their data access.
- Some datasets are restricted to access by researchers in institutions of UK Higher and Further Education.
- The relevant access criteria for a dataset can be found on the 'Access data' tab of its catalogue record in the data catalogue.

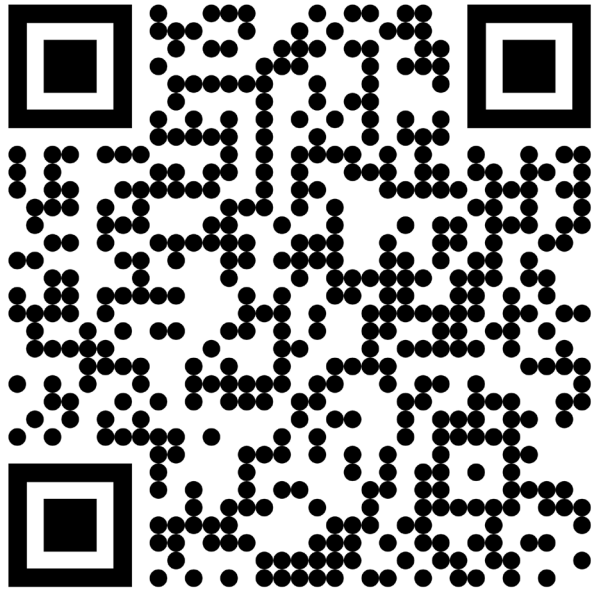
How do I know if I need Controlled/Secure data for my research project?

- Live Presentation: UK Data Service Website.

Could I apply to access my project from home?

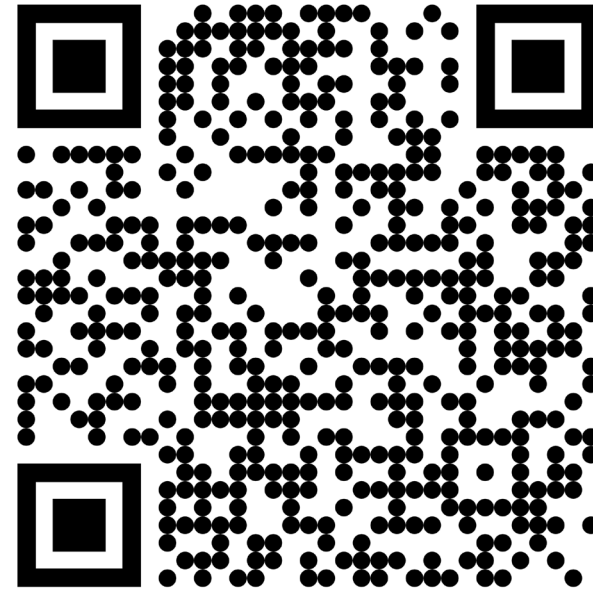
- Additional conditions apply and additional application process.
- Homeworking applications are per project per individual.
- Is the project eligible for homeworking applications from its members?
- How do I apply?
- Have I been approved to access a specific project from home?

Register for the UK Data Service



beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/myaccount/login

UK Data Service training and events



ukdataservice.ac.uk/training-events/

Thank you!

- [Contact us](#)
- [News](#)
- [Learning Hub](#)
- [Help](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [Bluesky](#)
- [YouTube](#)