

DRAFT COLLABORATOR'S AGREEMENT

Collaborators Agreement: Boyd Orr cohort

In using data from the Boyd Orr cohort for research we agree to:

1. Inform the Boyd Orr cohort steering group (George Davey Smith, David Gunnell and Richard Martin) of all grant applications involving further work on study members or their blood samples so that such work can be approved by the MREC for Scotland if appropriate and to ensure that there is (a) an integrated approach to follow-up (b) no duplication of effort between research teams and (c) a coherent and co-ordinated approach is made in contacting research subjects. To facilitate this a member of the Bristol based steering group should be a collaborator on all grant applications.
2. One member of the steering group should be a co-author on all papers arising from collaborative work on the cohort. In circumstances where it is jointly felt that this is not appropriate, a copy of papers arising from new research based on the Boyd Orr cohort and made possible through collaboration with members of the steering group should be sent, prior to publication, for approval by the steering group. Concerns raised by this group should be addressed and the final version approved prior to submission. The work of members of the Bristol-based team and the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in establishing and maintaining the cohort should be acknowledged.
3. The title of all papers should include reference to the Boyd Orr cohort.
4. The Boyd Orr cohort steering group will respond to all requests within 3 weeks of their receipt.
5. If ONS approves, the Boyd Orr steering group will provide collaborators with updated death and tracing information.
6. The Boyd Orr steering group will provide collaborators with copies of new publications arising from their ongoing work on the cohort and copies of submitted grant applications.
7. A copy of all new data collected on study members or arising from new blood analyses should be given to the Boyd Orr steering group and will be added to the master database for the study.
8. Data will only be released by the Boyd Orr steering group in response to written protocols concerning the use and analysis of that data.
9. Once the research is complete and allowing reasonable time to respond to correspondence arising from any paper / report, you will be requested to delete the data you hold on any devices / CDs / DVDs using secure methods.

Signatures:

Steering group member (RMM or DG or GDS)

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Collaborator 1

Collaborator 2