

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS: PAMS MEETING ON 17 MAY 2006

Para	Action	Who	Completed?
4.1	Professor Paul Boyle presented information about the Scottish Longitudinal Study, including, what it is and how to access it. He agreed to circulate his slides to the group.	Paul Boyle	For IT reasons it was not possible to receive the presentation through the GROS Firewall. The presentation is available on request from Paul Boyle.
7.1	Jenny Boag asked whether it was possible to have one large PDF file containing the data on the quality of all the 2001 Census variables. Alan said that there were accessibility issues with loading large PDF files onto the website, but he would arrange for a copy to be emailed to Jenny.	Alan Fleming	Completed.
7.1	Cecilia asked Alan to produce a timetable for adding the new Wards to SCROL which could be circulated to PAMS to give an idea of the timescales and work involved.	Alan Fleming	Completed: Post meeting note: A new piece of software is being considered, called SuperWeb (from the SuperStar suite of products) which could help greatly speed up the process of putting new data onto SCROL. It is likely to be a few months before it is possible to say whether SuperWeb will be suitable for this purpose. Once this is known, it is sensible to produce a timetable at that time for how long it would take for data for the new wards to be added to SCROL.]
7.2	Jenny agreed to contact Valerie to discuss further the arrangements for consulting local authorities about the 2011 Census.	Jenny Boag	Completed.
7.3	Jan Freeke asked whether it would be possible to get access to an address list of occupied dwellings. Valerie said she would look in to it.	Valerie West	Completed.

7.3	Paul Boyle asked whether it would be possible to access the data from the Census Test in a secure setting. Jenny Boag asked what it was wanted for. Paul replied that he would like to look at the response to questions not asked in the Census. Valerie replied that she would take these points to Peter Scrimgeour to see if it was possible	Valerie West	Completed. The test was not designed for use other than by GROS, and data quality and other issues would arise were it to be made available in a safe setting. Peter is willing to discuss with Paul in order to explore how his interests might be reflected in the test evaluation
7.5	Roma said that she was happy to send PAMS members copies of the papers from the ONS Census Advisory Group if anyone was interested.	PAMS Members	
7.6	Roma also said that there had been a workshop held on 27 March to update users on progress and on plans for the 2011 Census. Jenny Boag had attended and Roma said that she could provide papers on request.	PAMS Members	
8.8	Jan Freeke asked what the current method for estimating migration was. Cecilia replied that the current method was documented in the paper PAMS (03) 10. Roma Chappell also added that there was a CLIP paper which explained potential changes to the way in which ONS calculate international migration. Jan asked if these papers could be circulated to PAMS.	Cecilia Macintyre and Roma Chappell	Completed. CLIP paper circulated to members. Any questions on this should be directed to Roma Chappell at ONS.
8.9	Cecilia wondered if anyone knew if the names of the new areas had been finalised and asked Cheryl Heeley from ISD if she could follow this up and she agreed to let Cecilia know when she found out.	Cheryl Heeley	Completed.
8.10	Alan Fleming then raised the issue of what should be done on the SCROL website as regards the NHS Board geography. Jenny said that it should really be for people in NHS Boards areas to say how they want the data presented. Cecilia agreed and asked Cheryl if she could identify people in NHS Boards to help and pass some names onto Alan Fleming.	Cheryl Heeley	Completed.

8.12	Jan also mentioned that the paper presented was missing a mention to reviewing headship rates/ household membership rates amongst the changes planned for the methodology of the projections. Paula replied that she would pass this query on to Esther.	Paula Lopez	Completed. Post meeting note 1: While the first collection of small area household estimates will be carried out in September 2006, it is acknowledged that there are likely to be some issues regarding quality and completeness of the data, initially. Therefore, it may take longer before a complete dataset is available which can be published. Post meeting note 2 – it has been confirmed that HARG will be considering alternatives to headship rates, such as household membership rates, as part of the household projections review
8.13	Richard Belding asked what would be expected from local authority contacts. Paula said that she was not sure about the details but that the idea was to allow local authorities to take part in the quality assurance process and that she would check with Esther.	Paula Lopez	Completed: Post-meeting note: Paula and Esther confirmed that local authorities will be offered the opportunity to check and comment on the small area household estimates, if they wish. There will be no obligation to do so, and it is acknowledged that many local authorities may not have the information or resources required. However, it is likely that some local authorities would welcome the opportunity to consider the data and compare it with their own local knowledge.
10.1	Cecilia Macintyre introduced this paper saying that Robert Williams sent his apologies but he had sent this update note along instead and an electronic version will be circulated.	Cecilia Macintyre	Completed.