



## Independent Advisory Panel on Data Release – Member profiles – updated 23/02/2021

Independent Chair	
<b>Professor David Forman</b>	David Forman is Visiting Professor in the School of Medicine, University of Leeds. Prior to retirement from full-time work in 2016, he was Head of the Section of Cancer Information at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) based in Lyon, France. This section of IARC is responsible for the provision of information concerning worldwide cancer. From 1994 to 2010, David was the Professor of Cancer Epidemiology at the University of Leeds. He was also Head of Analysis and Information for the UK National Cancer Intelligence Network at the time of its inauguration. From 1982 to 1994, he worked at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund Epidemiology Unit in Oxford, UK with Sir Richard Doll. David's research profile includes studies in the epidemiology of cancer and he has also been involved in health services research in cancer. He has over 200 publications in peer reviewed journals. For much of his career, David has been professionally involved in the attainment, curation, analysis and distribution of cancer patient datasets at regional, national and international levels.
Members	
<b>John Marsh (Deputy Chair)</b>	John Marsh has a career background in publishing and consumer data and analytics. He became interested in the application of these techniques to drive forward healthcare after being diagnosed with cancer through the Bowel Cancer Screening Test. He was a member of the joint Cancer Research UK / MacMillan project on the Cancer Registration Opt-Out and since then has been a member of the Advisory Group for the National Data Opt-Out. He is a member of the PHE Cancer Stakeholder Coordination Group and is on the Advisory Group for the patient movement 'useMYdata'.

<p><b>David Seymour</b></p>	<p>David Seymour joined HDR UK in June 2019 to lead the development of the UK Health Data Research Alliance and other strategic partnerships. He is working with data custodians across the UK to maximise the potential of multiple forms of health-related data for research and innovation purposes to drive improvements in human health and economic growth. David has extensive experience of working at the interface of public and private sectors through consulting roles with the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit, McKinsey &amp; Company, and as co-founder of two public service focused consultancies. He has also served as an Army Officer. David is also a director of Fusion48, working with clinical colleagues to support organisations improve the care of older people living with frailty.</p>
<p><b>Dharmishta Parmar</b></p>	<p>Dharmishta joined the Policy Research Unit in Cancer Awareness, Screening and Early Diagnosis (PRU) as Senior Data Manager in 2011. She has been involved in all aspects of data acquisition and management for PRU studies including the evaluation of the national breast screening and bowel cancer screening programmes. She has 20 years' experience working with clinical and health datasets having previously worked for the Confidential Enquiry into Maternal and Child Health and HIV research studies at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.</p>
<p><b>Dr Ify Sargeant</b></p>	<p>Ify Sargeant is the Director of ISMEDICA Ltd and has been a freelance medical communications consultant since 2008. Prior to this she worked on public understanding of science at the University of Southampton, the Wellcome Trust in London then moved to the North-West to join a medical communications agency. Outside of work, Ify's interests focus on patient involvement in health research. She is a Patient Research Ambassador and chairs the Patient and Public Involvement Steering Committee of the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust. Ify has a BSc in Biochemistry from The University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, a DPhil in Molecular Genetics from Oxford University and a post-graduate diploma in Periodical Journalism. She lives in the Staffordshire countryside with her husband, two children and black Labrador.</p>
<p><b>Judith Bisatt</b></p>	<p>Judith Bisatt is a retired community occupational therapist with over 25 years' experience. She is also a qualified teacher and has worked in child care. Judith has sat as a school governor, admissions appeals panel member and recently invigilated exams. Her professional experience has covered working with disabled adults and children, working 1:1 and in group settings with families. Judith's primary purpose in these roles involved weighing up complex needs, medical, social and practical and seeking improvements for quality of life. She also acted as an advocate for users, giving them a voice with third party agencies.</p>

	<p>Judith was the lead for her service in processes and procedures, and has sat on many multidisciplinary working groups normally involving service development.</p>
<p><b>Nicola Keat</b></p>	<p>After completing a degree in Biological Sciences (with a placement year working at Novartis), Nicola moved into the research funding arena, working in the Clinical Trials Team at Cancer Research UK. Nicola joined the National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) as Head of Clinical Research Groups in April 2015, providing leadership and strategic input into the activities of the NCRI's Clinical Research Groups (CRGs), ensuring a collaborative approach to clinical research endeavours. Her team is responsible for the delivery of all activities of the NCRI CRGs, currently including Research Groups, Clinical and Translational Radiotherapy Research (CTRad) Working Group and the Cancer Clinical Trials Unit (CTU) Group. Nicola is also responsible for oversight of all patient involvement in NCRI activities via the NCRI Consumer Forum and the NCRI's data post. In 2017, Nicola completed a Masters of Business Administration with the Open University.</p>