

**From:** s40 - ESRC UKRI  
**To:** s40 - ESRC UKRI  
**Subject:** RE: Prof Sullivan mentions  
**Date:** 12 October 2023 09:14:00  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Of course, happy to cover later.

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**From:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >  
**Sent:** 12 October 2023 08:28  
**To:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40  
**Subject:** RE: Prof Sullivan mentions

Sure, if the proposal hasn't been received then there's certainly an opportunity for us to get greater clarity on the process and messaging here. s40, perhaps we could use a few minutes of that meeting to discuss s40?

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**From:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >  
**Sent:** 11 October 2023 16:36  
**To:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >  
**Subject:** RE: Prof Sullivan mentions

Thanks s40. Would you mind if I shared your email with s40 as he has been leading on this? I know he is very happy to respond to queries about it.

He's aware of the need for clear lines about it, but we have not actually had the proposal for the work from UCL, which is the key next stage. So I fear the messages are a bit garbled here.

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**From:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >  
**Sent:** 11 October 2023 14:08  
**To:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40  
**Subject:** FW: Prof Sullivan mentions

Hi s40

I'm assuming you're aware of this, and the related open letter ([Dr Rebecca Williams on X: "Our open letter in response to the UK governments attack on "woke ideology in science" has been featured in Research Professional. We are closing the first stage of signatures at 5pm BST to allow us to send the letter to the PM and Secretary of State. Add your sig now!" / X \(twitter.com\)](#)), out of scope

out of scope I wasn't aware that we were funding this work, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] – we told UKRI comms ESRC are not funding this work as s40 and I weren't aware that s40 or s40 were engaged in any discussions, but has that position now changed?

If you're able to shed light on the whole picture here that would really help us to coordinate better internally, particularly across councils and with UKRI.

Thanks

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**From:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >  
**Sent:** 11 October 2023 09:48  
**To:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >  
**Cc:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >; s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >; s40 >; s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >  
**Subject:** Prof Sullivan mentions

Hi s40

I am getting a request from s40 to give them an update. I will copy you in to say that we should not have been named as nothing is agreed yet. I will update them once I know more.

Best

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**From:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >  
**Sent:** 10 October 2023 12:00  
**To:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >  
**Cc:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >; s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >; s40 >; s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >  
**Subject:** Re: out of scope

Thanks s40

s40 and s40 please note - this is in confidence at the moment and not fully approved.

So to note only, no action needed.

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**From:** [REDACTED] s40 - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] s40 >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2023 11:09:50 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] s40 - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] s40 >  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] s40 - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] s40 >; [REDACTED] s40 - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] s40 >;  
[REDACTED] s40 >; [REDACTED] s40 - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] s40 >  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED] out of scope

Thank [REDACTED] s40.

Cc. [REDACTED] s40 so she is aware of the impact content. – Highlighted below in yellow and full release attached.  
[REDACTED] s40 – FYI

Best

[REDACTED] s40

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[REDACTED] s40

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**From:** [REDACTED] s40 - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] s40 >  
**Sent:** 09 October 2023 16:23  
**To:** [REDACTED] s40 - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] s40 >  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] s40 - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] s40 >  
**Subject:** Fwd: [REDACTED] out of scope

Thanks for this :-)

In case you were not aware, the ucl work by Prof Sullivan is being funded and supported by us. I had picked it up last week with ESRC mentioned in a DSIT press release , but apparently we should not have been named as nothing is yet agreed.

[REDACTED] s40 is leading this and I have sent him the additional pops for impact' form we have for investments and ucl are now completing it.

No action but thought useful for you to know.

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**From:** [REDACTED] s40 - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] s40 >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 9, 2023 10:19 am

To: s40 s40 s40  
s40 >; s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >  
Cc: s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >; s40 - ESRC UKRI s40  
s40 - ESRC UKRI out of scope >  
Subject: out of scope

Good morning,

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**Speech by Michelle Donelan, Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology**

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- Announced a [review](#) of into the use of sex and gender questions in scientific research and statistics.
  - The review will last six months and be headed up by Prof Alice Sullivan, the head of research at UCL’s Social Research Institute.
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**From:** [REDACTED] - ESRC UKRI  
**Sent:** 02 October 2023 12:04  
**To:** [REDACTED] >; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] >  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] >; [REDACTED] - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] >;  
[REDACTED] - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

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**From:** s40 - [ESRC UKRI](#)  
**To:** s40 - [ESRC UKRI](#)  
**Cc:** s40 - [ESRC UKRI](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender  
**Date:** 01 December 2023 11:59:28

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Thanks very much both. Based on your advice and that of the external reviewer, let's proceed with the IAA route.

Regards

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**From:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >  
**Sent:** 01 December 2023 11:51  
**To:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >  
**Cc:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >  
**Subject:** Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

Hi s40,

s40 has now completed her review (attached alongside s40 review) and we met to discuss this morning. We feel that the most appropriate route now is for this proposal to be considered via UCL's Impact Acceleration Account funding route. This is advised on the following basis:

- Impact Acceleration Accounts (IAA) are awards made to Research Organisations that are used to help researchers collaborate with communities, businesses, and policy makers. The aims of the Statistics Review are consistent with that purpose.
- Under our IAA model, the decision about which specific activities to fund rests with the individual IAA, with the requirement that they have robust mechanisms in place to help them decide which activities to support. UCL, alongside all other Research Organisations holding an IAA award, provided details about the mechanisms they would use to allocate funding, and their overall approach to governance of the IAA, as part of their original application to ESRC. We would expect this proposal to be considered under those established mechanisms. This means that the ultimate decision as to whether this proposal should be funded would be made by UCL. As with any research activity supported either directly or indirectly by ESRC, the host institution is also responsible for ethics approval.

If you are happy to proceed on this basis, I can speak to the s40 about liaising with s40 s40. We would also share (in anonymised form) the feedback we have received from the two reviewers. If UCL approve the Review, this would allow s40

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Could you please confirm that you are content to proceed this basis?

With many thanks,

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**From:** [s40] - ESRC UKRI [s40] >  
**Sent:** 01 December 2023 10:04  
**To:** [s40] - ESRC UKRI [s40] >  
**Subject:** RE: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

Hi [s40],

Please find my comments attached – very happy to discuss them in our catch up this morning.

I hope they are helpful.

Many thanks,

[s40]

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**From:** [s40] - ESRC UKRI [s40] >  
**Sent:** 27 November 2023 11:43  
**To:** [s40] - ESRC UKRI [s40] >; [s40] - ESRC UKRI [s40]  
**Subject:** Re: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

Hi [s40]

The immediate next steps are as follows:

- Given their proposed start date of 1<sup>st</sup> December, I suggest we have the proposal internally and externally reviewed at the same time. You mentioned that [s40] had kindly agreed to review internally. Given the clear link to [s40], I agree that [s40] would be the most appropriate internal reviewer. You also mentioned that you had identified an appropriate external reviewer.
- As mentioned on Friday, we don't have a set assessor form for these types of funding requests, so I've adapted a form we've used in the past for Additional Funding Streams (see two word documents attached). These can be sent to the external reviewer alongside the documentation from UCL.

Happy to discuss further at [s40] today.

Best wishes,

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**From:** [s40] - ESRC UKRI [s40] >  
**Sent:** 27 November 2023 10:49  
**To:** [s40] - ESRC UKRI [s40] >  
**Subject:** FW: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

I've just received this proposal from UCL for research on the Review of Data, Stats and Research



on Sex and Gender.

What do we need to do to assess this?

Regards

s40

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**From:** s40 s40 <[s40@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:s40@ucl.ac.uk)>

**Sent:** 27 November 2023 10:32

**To:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >

**Cc:** s40 s40 <[s40@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:s40@ucl.ac.uk)>; s40 <s40@ucl.ac.uk>

**Subject:** Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

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Dear s40

Please find attached Professor Alice Sullivan's proposal for an ESRC funded study entitled 'Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender'

Please do let me, or Alice cc'd if you have any further queries or need additional information

Kind regards

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Executive Assistant | s40

Email: s40

**From:** s40 - ESRC UKRI  
**To:** s40 - ESRC UKRI  
**Subject:** Statistics Review  
**Date:** 15 January 2024 15:14:00

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Hi s40,

Following on from your request on the Statistics Review, please see relevant information below. Apologies for the delay – I needed to gather and confirm details with those closer to some of the process.

- UCL submitted a request for funding for this project using ESRC's strategic form.
- This application was sent for both internal and external expert review. Reviewers were asked to comment on the strength and weaknesses of the proposal, including its scientific merit (please note that as this was not a project that ESRC had commissioned, there wasn't a set of assessment criteria that the reviewers were asked to provide a numerical score against).
- Following consultation with the s40, it was agreed that the most appropriate route for this proposal was via UCL's Impact Acceleration Account funding route. This was judged to be the most appropriate funding route on the basis that Impact Acceleration Accounts (IAA) are awards made to Research Organisations that are used to help researchers collaborate with communities, businesses, and policy makers. The aims of the Statistics Review are consistent with that purpose.
- While ESRC is able to provide additional funding to support this project, as with any project funded under the IAA model, funding approval is delegated to individual IAAs. This has been communicated to the s40. IAAs are required to have robust mechanisms in place to help them decide which activities to support under the terms of their IAA award. UCL, alongside all other Research Organisations holding an IAA award, provided details about their decision making mechanisms, and their overall approach to governance of the IAA, as part of their original application to ESRC. UCL have confirmed they are happy to approve the project under their IAA mechanism. As with any research activity supported either directly or indirectly by ESRC, the host institution is also responsible for ethics approval. Funding for this project cannot be provided until research ethics approval is in place.

Best wishes,

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**From:** s40 - [ESRC UKRI](#)  
**To:** s40  
**Cc:** s40 - [ESRC UKRI](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender  
**Date:** 19 April 2024 17:56:35  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi,

Yes, this is just an artefact of need to pay the funds this financial year. Because this is attached to the IAA, you are able to spend this during the lifetime of the main IAA grant. So you can spend according to your original project plan.

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**From:** s40 s40@ucl.ac.uk>  
**Sent:** 16 April 2024 14:45  
**To:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >  
**Cc:** s40 s40@ucl.ac.uk>; s40@ucl.ac.uk>; s40  
s40@ucl.ac.uk>; s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >  
**Subject:** RE: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

ESRC Grant Reference **ES/X004627/1**

Dear s40,

I hope you are keeping well.

We were delighted to learn that Prof Alice Sullivan's grant funding was added to the ESRC IAA 2023 award which is already held by UCL.

The notification received by UCL (**copy attached**) indicates that Prof Sullivan's funding runs from 1 January 2024 until 31 March 2024.

However, Prof Sullivan advises that the project that she requested the funding for was to start on 1st March and was meant to run for 6 months.

Would you please confirm whether Prof Sullivan's understanding is correct and she can proceed with the project activities as envisaged? Or should UCL formally request that the notification we received be amended?

Thank you.

Best wishes, s40

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**From:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >

**Sent:** Monday, March 4, 2024 4:00 PM

**To:** s40 @ucl.ac.uk>; s40 @ucl.ac.uk>; s40 - ESRC UKRI s40

**Subject:** RE: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

Hi s40

Thanks for bearing with me as I've clarified the situation.

As we have awarded you the funding via the IAA, this has been given as DI Other at 100% FEC.

This means that you are able to spend on the DA and DI costs that you have put in your application for this work. From the [Permitted Costs](#) document for IAAs, "100% direct costs, directly incurred and directly allocated projects costs can be claimed, this includes staff time and travel and subsistence. "

You are correct in pointing out that you cannot use this to support indirect costs.

Please note you should report all your spend against the single DI Other line to ensure that you can claim at 100% rather than the 80% that would be applied to the other categories.

Hopefully this clears things up, but please do come back if you have further questions.

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**From:** s40 @ucl.ac.uk>

**Sent:** 28 February 2024 17:26

**To:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 s40  
s40 @ucl.ac.uk>; s40 - ESRC UKRI s40

**Subject:** RE: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

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Dear s40,

Would you be able to clarify the situation on whether indirect costs should be included in this specific IAA uplift? Indirect costs are generally not eligible for IAA funding.

Additionally, my colleagues in our Research and Innovation Services team have noted that the

budget included in the application included Directly Allocated and Directly Incurred costs, but the funding letter only includes Directly Incurred costs. Does the funding in fact also include the Directly Allocated costs?

Thanks,

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**From:** s40

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2024 12:52 PM

**To:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 s40  
s40 >; s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >

**Subject:** RE: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

Dear s40

The application and subsequent funding letter from the ESRC seems to include indirect costs, which are not usually eligible for IAA funding.

Should we include indirect costs in this particular case? We could modify our standard award letter if the ESRC wishes to include indirect costs in the IAA for this project.

Thanks,

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**From:** s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 10:06 AM

**To:** s40 s40 <[s40@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:s40@ucl.ac.uk)>; s40 - ESRC UKRI s40 >  
**Cc:** s40 s40 <[s40@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:s40@ucl.ac.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

Thanks,

We have approved the funding and the notification letter has been issued so should be with you/your research office within 24 hours. I have also attached a copy here.

Please note that the duration of the AFS in the letter is structured so that the payment for the work comes out of this year's budget. You are able to spend against this line after the 31 March as it is the IAA grant that determines the final spend date.

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**From:** s40 <[s40@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:s40@ucl.ac.uk)>

**Sent:** 12 February 2024 17:25

**To:** s40 - ESRC UKRI <s40>; s40 - ESRC UKRI <s40>

**Cc:** s40 <[s40@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:s40@ucl.ac.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

Dear s40

I can now confirm that the review process has concluded, and that the project has received ethical approval from UCL.

Best wishes

s40

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**From:** s40 - ESRC UKRI <s40>

**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2024 10:59 AM

**To:** s40 <[s40@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:s40@ucl.ac.uk)>; s40 - ESRC UKRI <s40>

**Cc:** s40 <[s40@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:s40@ucl.ac.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

Dear s40,

Has the project received its ethics approval as we are nearly ready to authorise this on our end?

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**From:** s40 <[s40@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:s40@ucl.ac.uk)>

**Sent:** 02 February 2024 13:30

**To:** s40 - ESRC UKRI <s40>; s40 - ESRC UKRI <s40>

**Cc:** s40 <s40> <[s40@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:s40@ucl.ac.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

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Thanks s40,

s40 – if there's anything you need from the UCL end in parallel, pending the outcome of the ethics process, then please do let us know.

Best wishes

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**From:** [s40] - ESRC UKRI [s40] >  
**Sent:** Friday, February 2, 2024 1:28 PM  
**To:** [s40] [s40] <[\[s40\]@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:[s40]@ucl.ac.uk)>; [s40] - ESRC UKRI  
[s40] >  
**Cc:** [s40] <[\[s40\]@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:[s40]@ucl.ac.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

Thanks, [s40] [s40] (cc'd) are preparing the relevant documentation. If you could let us know as soon as the ethics process is complete that would be fantastic.

Thanks very much,  
[s40]

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**From:** [s40], [s40] <[\[s40\]@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:[s40]@ucl.ac.uk)>  
**Sent:** 30 January 2024 15:56  
**To:** [s40] - ESRC UKRI [s40] >; [s40] - ESRC UKRI  
[s40]  
**Cc:** [s40] <[\[s40\]@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:[s40]@ucl.ac.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

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Thanks [s40],

I've checked in regarding the ethics process. This is at an advanced stage of review, but there is a little more work to complete.

They are anticipating that we will have an outcome by the end of next week. Is that too close to the wire for your processes?

Is there anything else we can do in advance to expedite?

Best wishes

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**From:** [s40] - ESRC UKRI [s40] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2024 1:58 PM  
**To:** [s40] <[\[s40\]@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:[s40]@ucl.ac.uk)>; [s40] - ESRC UKRI  
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**Cc:** [s40] <[\[s40\]@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:[s40]@ucl.ac.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

Dear [s40]

Thanks for your email. I believe we are just waiting on confirmation from UCL that the ethics approval process has been completed.

With best wishes,

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**From:** s40 <[REDACTED]@ucl.ac.uk>  
**Sent:** 30 January 2024 12:52  
**To:** s40 - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] >  
**Cc:** s40 <[REDACTED]@ucl.ac.uk>  
**Subject:** FW: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

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Dear [REDACTED] s40

Apologies if we've not closed the loop on the formalities for this. Please do send any offer letter to me, copied to [REDACTED] s40.

Best wishes

[REDACTED] s40

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**From:** s40 - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 7, 2023 3:55 PM  
**To:** s40 <[REDACTED]@ucl.ac.uk>; [REDACTED] s40 <[REDACTED]@ucl.ac.uk>  
**Cc:** s40 - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] >; [REDACTED] s40 - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] >; [REDACTED] s40 <[REDACTED]@ucl.ac.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

Dear [REDACTED] s40,

Thanks very much for your reply. I've doubled checked with the [REDACTED] s40 and they are content with what you have set out below from a process point of view. We would welcome you passing on the peer review comments to Professor Sullivan.

In terms of timelines around completing the ethics review, I thought it would be useful to flag that in order for payment to be made this financial year, UKRI post-awards would have to process it by mid-February (to meet our 16<sup>th</sup> March payrun).

Could you nominate someone in the [REDACTED] s40 as the point of contact for processing the award? Would that be [REDACTED] s40 or someone in [REDACTED] s40 team?

Thanks very much,

[REDACTED] s40

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**From:** s40 <[REDACTED]@ucl.ac.uk>  
**Sent:** 07 December 2023 09:41  
**To:** s40 - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] s40 [REDACTED] s40 <[REDACTED]@ucl.ac.uk>  
**Cc:** s40 - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] s40 >; [REDACTED] s40 - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED] >; [REDACTED] s40 <[REDACTED]@ucl.ac.uk>



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Thank you for the note and the peer-review feedback. s40 (whose team stewards our IAAs) and I have discussed this morning.

Please can you confirm that the processes above will be acceptable to ESRC and we can then proceed with setting up the award and passing the peer-review comments on to Professor Sullivan?

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s41	20

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Subject: RE: Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for submitting this proposal. We have had it reviewed (see anonymised comments attached) and determined that the most appropriate route for this funding request is through additional funding to UCL's ESRC Impact Acceleration Account (IAA). The proposal is consistent with the aims of our IAA awards, which are made to Research Organisations and used to help researchers collaborate with communities, businesses, and policy makers. As such I have cc'd [REDACTED], [REDACTED] of UCL's IAA account.

While ESRC can provide an uplift to the IAA to cover the costs of the proposal, as with all IAA funding, final decision making is devolved to the Research Organisation in receipt of the award. UCL should follow the processes set out in their original application to ESRC for an IAA award when processing this proposal. As with any research activity supported either directly or indirectly by ESRC, the host institution is also responsible for ethics approval. Once you have made a determination, the ESRC team overseeing our IAAs can advise on next steps. I have cc'd [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

If it would be helpful to discuss further, we would be happy to schedule a call.

With best wishes,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED\]@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ucl.ac.uk)>

**Sent:** 27 November 2023 10:32

**To:** [REDACTED] - ESRC UKRI [REDACTED]>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED\]@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ucl.ac.uk); [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED\]@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ucl.ac.uk)>

**Subject:** Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender

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Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached Professor Alice Sullivan's proposal for an ESRC funded study entitled

‘Review of Data Statistics and Research on Sex and Gender’

Please do let me, or Alice cc’d if you have any further queries or need additional information

Kind regards

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**Subject:** RE: Sullivan Review call for evidence - heads-up  
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I second s40 point about how this independent review should be described. Can I ask: did DSIT say what if anything they were doing to promote it?

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Hi s40

Just commenting from a procedural perspective: it is an independent review so it would be very misleading to call it a 'UKRI Call for Evidence' (or an 'ESRC Call for Evidence' for that matter). As you point out, it was funded via UCL's ESRC Impact Acceleration Account – a mechanism where final decision making is devolved to the Research Organisation in receipt of the award. Others may have a view on the extent to which it is helpful to amplify this call for evidence but we should be careful not to misrepresent our relationship to it.

FWIW, I also agree that other platforms such as LinkedIn tend to encourage more positive engagement in this area than X, which can lead to posts being counter-productive.

But s40 will likely have views on any promotion activity.

Best wishes,

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Morning,

'DSIT s40' have asked for details of UKRI's plans to promote the call for

evidence, which they have described as a 'UKRI Call for evidence'.

I have just met with [s40] from the [s40] team – as they were reviewing the relevant X [account](#) that has been launched to promote the review. She will look to see if there is a suitable factual post that we could share. However, we need to note that past experience of sharing some content on X/Twitter has shown that the account holders subsequently receive negative attention.

Alternative ways of supporting this could include LinkedIn (assuming there is a suitable post to share) and council newsletters, or sharing via colleagues and their investments/contacts – which would mean issuing a request.

As well as choosing the methods and variety of support, we also need a view on whether we see this as a UKRI level activity? Which would mean sharing from UKRI accounts and in multiple available council newsletters. Or whether we see this as primarily applying to ESRC's audiences?

We can advise the DSIT [s40] that this is in fact an IAA funded activity and call for evidence, i.e. funded via a block grant from ESRC, and not a UKRI call for evidence. And that the independent review was commissioned by DSIT, as per this webpage:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe/departments-and-centres/centres/centre-longitudinal-studies/review-data-statistics-and-research-sex-and-gender>:

The UK Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) has commissioned this independent review, which is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).

And this:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-data-statistics-and-research-on-sex-and-gender/review-of-data-statistics-and-research-on-sex-and-gender-terms-of-reference>

FYI - This page mentions the partnership with the Cabinet Office:

<https://uksa.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/news/review-of-data-statistics-and-research-on-sex-and-gender/>  
<https://osr.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/our-work-on-data-about-sex-and-gender-identity/>

Please do let me have your views [s40] and I'll organise a plan and reply to the DSIT [s40].

Many thanks

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ESRC section: <https://www.ukri.org/councils/esrc/>

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Thanks for confirming [s40].

I'm senior on call until the weekend so will let you know of any interest in the review.

Also copying in [s40] folks for awareness in case of any reactions across social platforms.

Many thanks for the heads up,

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Thanks very much.

To be clear, no new news is being published, and ESRC's support for the research via the UCL

Impact Acceleration Account is already public information, it's just that the announcement of the call for evidence may raise interest in the review.

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Many thanks s40,

I've added the shared press email address into my reply, as s40 & s40 are s40 & s40 s40 - so this will create a link for them, in case a query does come in. I will keep my eye on my phone too & be in touch if this does come our way,

Many thanks

s40

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s40,

Just to let you know, the Review on Research Data and Statistics on Sex and Gender that Alice Sullivan is leading is publishing its call for evidence today. It's possible this will generate interest in ESRC funding for the Review, so I wanted to let you know. If we get any queries, do let me know and we can discuss our response.

Regards

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