MRC Science Archive Data Access Committee: Annual Report 2021

Data Access Committee Annual Report of Activity 2021

This report on the activity of the DAC covers the period from 01 January 2021 to the 31 December 2021.

Changes to DAC membership

There have been no changes to the DAC membership during 2021.

Meeting frequency

Two meetings of the DAC were held on 24 February 2021 and 17 December 2021. Meetings in July and October were cancelled due to a lack of applications.

Three meetings of the DAC will be scheduled in 2022.

Dates will be published on the MRC website: https://www.ukri.org/councils/mrc/guidance-for-applicants/policies-and-guidance-for-researchers/data-sharing/

Applications and Enquiries

Since January 2021, there has been 1 application requesting access to 1 dataset in the MRC Science Archive.

Timeliness of review in 2021

	Time (weeks)
Period from initial enquiry to Access Application	No enquiry
Period from Access Application to Data Access Committee review	9 weeks
Period from Data Access Committee review to Data Sharing Agreement	*To be added*
Period from Data Sharing Agreement to data transfer	*To be added*

Outcomes of Data Access Committee review

For dataset requests in 2021, the outcomes from the Data Access Committee review were:

Data Access Committee outcome	Number of datasets
Approved	1
Approved with Conditions*	0
Access refused	0
Application withdrawn	0

There were no appeals against Data Access Committee decisions in 2021.

Details of approved requests can be found in the MRC Science Archive Public Register: https://www.ukri.org/publications/register-of-approved-data-releases-2020/

Planned work for the coming year

Work continues on curation of the datasets held in the MRC Science Archive and development of the MRC Science Archive and DAC webpages on the new UKRI website.

Data Access Committee Members in 2021

Chair: **Sarah Edwards**, Professor of Bioethics, University College London

Members: **Mary-Kate Hannah**, Data Scientist, University of Glasgow

Maurice Hoffman (public involvement representative)

David Hyett, Head of Information Governance, UKRI (Deputy Chair)

Ben Micklem, Research Support Manager, University of Oxford

Fleur North (public involvement representative)

Victoria Yorke-Edwards, Research Fellow for Trial Conduct Methodology, UCL