UK Pandemic Ethics Accelerator / Pandemic and Beyond

Seeking Expressions of Interest:

Policy implications of AHRC-funded ethics and data-handling research during Covid-19: a meta-analysis and review of research from projects in the Pandemic & Beyond portfolio

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The UK Pandemic Ethics Accelerator and Pandemic and Beyond intend to jointly commission a substantial piece of ethics research from an external academic(s) to support their current inquiries. This document sets out the aims and scope of the research envisaged.

Background

The UKRI / AHRC funded UK Pandemic Ethics Accelerator and Pandemic and Beyond initiatives seek jointly to commission a piece of **'meta' ethics research** which will look at all of the **ethics and data-handling research** produced by projects in the Pandemic and Beyond portfolio. This piece of research, a **meta-analysis and ethics review** should investigate the policy recommendations of this portfolio, resulting in a **policy briefing document** based on the portfolio, with a deadline of the end of February 2022.

Pandemic and Beyond brings together over 70 teams of researchers across the UK who are exploring the wide-ranging impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and looking for solutions to these impacts. It comprises three clusters within its overall portfolio of projects: *Ethics, Law, and Governance*; *Arts, Culture, and the Creative Industries*; and *Public Health, Communications, and Society*.

Purpose

To assist the UK Pandemic Ethics Accelerator and Pandemic and Beyond to develop a broad, comprehensive, and detailed understanding of the policy and ethical implications highlighted by the projects and pieces of work undertaken within the Pandemic and Beyond portfolio.

The policy briefing document produced on the basis of the analysis will be fed into the Independent Inquiry into Coronavirus, which is likely to start in mid-March 2022.

Approach

The policy briefing should be based on an analysis of the existing material specified in this call. Much of the information required should be reported descriptively, and analysis of the ethical and policy issues should be presented in a neutral and even-handed way. The analysis must be grounded in contemporary facts and realities, as reported within the body of research included in the briefing. It should demonstrate robustness in both the social science methods required for producing a meta-analysis, and in ethical analysis of the issues revealed.

Scope

The commissioned briefing should include the findings from research reports and other outputs produced by the following projects which Pandemic and Beyond has brought together within its *Ethics, Law, and Governance* cluster:

- Covid-19: The Ethical Exit Strategy: the path from relaxing measures to vaccination. - https://www.neuroethics.ox.ac.uk/ethical-exit-strategy-covid-19#tab-2246571

- Assessing the Viability of Access and Benefit-Sharing Models of Equitable Distribution of Vaccines in International Law. - https://www.keele.ac.uk/law/research/researchclusters/internationalandeuropeanlaw/assessingtheviabilityofaccessandbenefit-sharingmodels/

- When Pandemic and Everyday Ethics Collide: Supporting Ethical Decision-Making in Maternity Care and Paediatrics during the Covid-19 Pandemic . Reset Ethics: https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/research/research-projects/reset-ethics/

- Ensuring Respect for Human Rights in Locked-Down Care Homes. https://autonomy.essex.ac.uk/covid-19/human-rights-in-care-homes/

- OMDDAC – Observatory for Monitoring Data-Driven Approaches to Covid-19. https://www.omddac.org.uk/

- An Urgent Review of Single Source Procurement During the Pandemic: Recommendations for Best Practice and Reform. https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/news/expertiseguide/law/dr-luke-butler.aspx

- Pandemic Review: Rights and Accountability in COVID-19 (CVRO). https://blog.bham.ac.uk/cvro/

- Lex-Atlas: Covid-19: A Comparative Study of National Legal Responses to COVID-19. https://lexatlas-c19.org/

- The Role of Good Governance and the Rule of Law in Building Public Trust in Data-Driven Responses to Public Health Emergencies. https://binghamcentre.biicl.org/projects/the-role-of-good-governance-and-the-rule-of-law-in-building-public-trust-in-data-driven-responses-to-public-health-emergencies

- Fraud During a Pandemic: Identifying and Appraising New Challenges for the Criminal Justice Response in England and Wales. https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=AH%2FV014781%2F1

- Children, acceptable health risks and COVID-19: Ethical guidance for a fair policy response. https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=AH%2FW003945%2F1#/tabOverview

- COVID-19: The effectiveness of mutual-aid groups and their lessons for post-crisis community care. https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=AH%2FV013297%2F1

- Immunity Passport Service Design - implications for human rights/civil liberties. https://www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/design-school/research/projects/immune/

Research from the following projects, from Pandemic and Beyond's *Arts, Culture, and the Creative Industries* and *Public Health, Communications, and Society* clusters should also be included in the briefing:

- Scenes of Shame and Stigma in COVID-19. https://shameandmedicine.org/covid-19/

- Nursing Narratives: Racism and the Pandemic. https://nursingnarratives.com/

- Co—design and implement a COVID-19 vaccine uptake intervention within Chinese communities in England. https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=AH%2FW003643%2F1

- The New Real: trust and acceptance in networked online experiences to enable and support post COVID-19 recovery. https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=AH%2FV015176%2F1

- Downloading a new normal: Privacy, exclusion and information behaviour in public library digital services use during COVID-19. https://newnormal.cis.strath.ac.uk/

- Combatting gendered, sexual risks and harms online during Covid-19: Developing resources for young people, parents and schools. https://le.ac.uk/media/research/featured-projects/digital-sexual-cultures-feminist-research-and-engagement-consortium

Given the nature of these projects and pieces of research, the review should cover the following levels and jurisdictions:

- ENGLAND
- WALES
- NORTHERN IRELAND
- SCOTLAND
- UK
- EUROPE
- INTERNATIONAL

Information for researchers

We welcome proposals from researchers with complementary expertise working together.

Interested researchers are invited to submit a brief proposal (no more than 1500 words, excl. CVs) setting out how they would meet the objectives outlined in the brief. This should include:

- a brief summary of expertise and 2-page CV of those who will be involved

- up to 5 headline points that the review would be expected to make

- an outline of the proposed approach to fulfilling the brief (research methodology)

- an indicative outline of the final report (which is expected to be 4000 words in length)

An honorarium of **£5000** is offered on completion of this work. This is offered on the understanding that the honorarium reflects five weeks / 25 days of work (To discuss further, please contact Dr Alex McKeown: alexander.mckeown@psych.ox.ac.uk)

The proposal should be submitted to the Ethics Accelerator Secretariat (ukpandemicethics@psych.ox.ac.uk) by **Friday 17th December 2021**, 18:00 BST. The successful applicant will be notified by **Friday 23rd December 2021**. The expected date for submission of the final report is **Monday 28th February 2022**, 18:00 GMT.

Peer review

All proposals are subject to internal and external peer review.

All final products for the Pandemic Ethics Accelerator and Pandemic and Beyond are peer reviewed.

What will we do with the final review?

We will publish the review, with the researcher(s) identified as authors, on the websites of the UK Pandemic Ethics Accelerator and Pandemic and Beyond. We may offer researchers an opportunity to write a blog based on the review. In all outputs, the researcher(s) are clearly identified as authors, and the Accelerator is identified as the funder. If there is press or policy interest in the review, we will direct that interest to the author(s).

We ask that the author(s) do not publish the review elsewhere without express permission from the Pandemic Ethics Accelerator and Pandemic and Beyond.

If authors go on to develop the review for academic publication, the Pandemic Ethics Accelerator and Pandemic and Beyond would expect to be acknowledged as (one of the) funders of the work.