

# RF2025 – ONS Data Access Briefing Webinar

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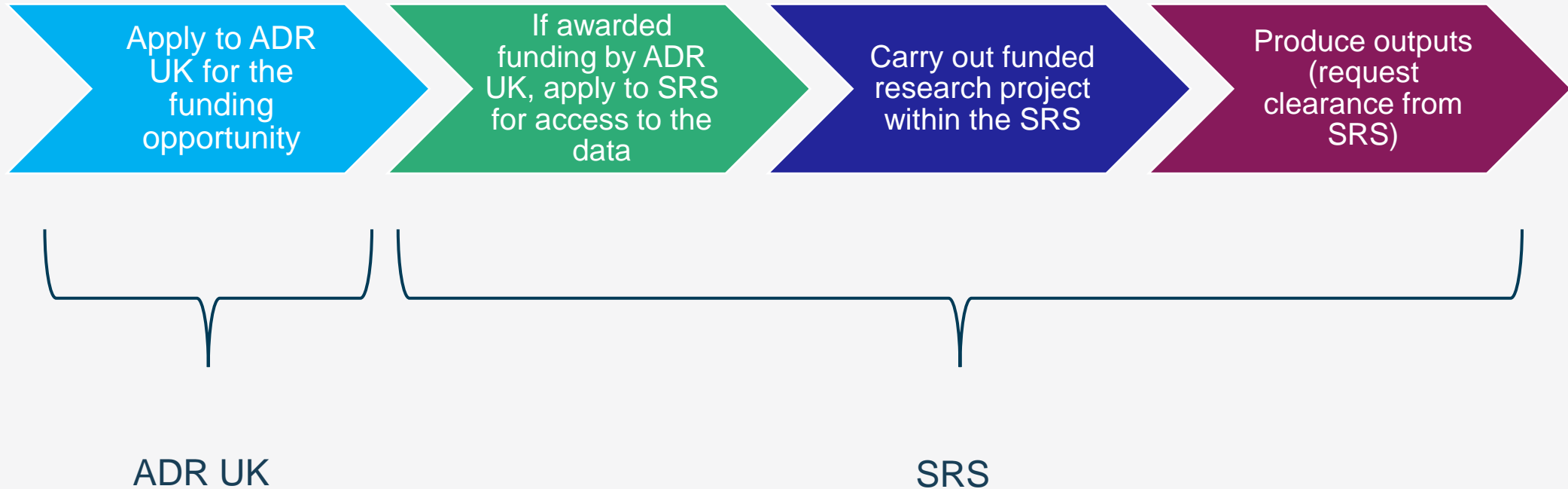


# Becoming an Accredited Researcher and Accessing Data within the SRS

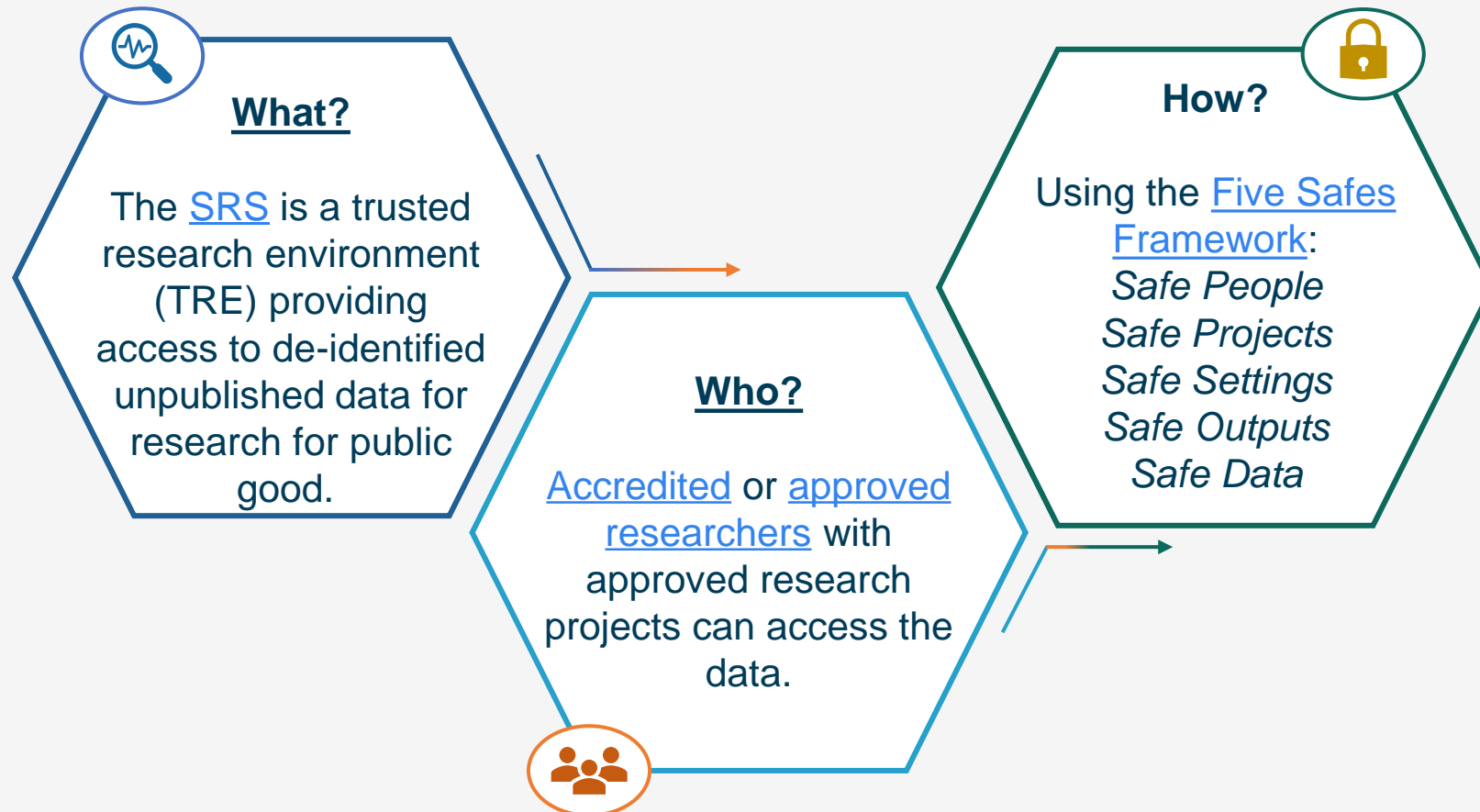
- RF2025 and accessing data within the SRS
- The ONS Secure Research Service (SRS)
- Becoming an accredited researcher
- SRS Project accreditation
- Accessing the data
- Support and further guidance



# RF2025 and accessing data within the SRS



# The ONS Secure Research Service (SRS)



# Researcher Journey

• Consider access options and apply early for AOC if required



# RF2025 and accessing data within the SRS



1. Become an accredited researcher



# Becoming an Accredited Researcher

## Criteria

You must have either:

- an undergraduate degree (or higher) including a significant proportion of mathematics or statistics

*or*

- be able to demonstrate at least 3 years quantitative research experience

## And

- undertake Safe Researcher Training (SRT)
- agree to be included on the public record
- sign a declaration

## How to apply

1. Submit an online application via the Hub: [Become an accredited researcher - Office for National Statistics](#)
2. Sign up to a safe researcher training (SRT) session
3. Complete an online assessment

 Office for National Statistics

### Apply for an account

Before [becoming an accredited researcher](#) and accessing a Trusted Research Environment (TRE), you will need to apply for an account.

During the process we will ask you to:

- provide the name of your organisation
- provide your name and organisation email address
- read and agree to our terms of access

### Tell us about your organisation - Step 1 of 3

#### Organisation

Start typing to select from our registered organisations or enter your own if it is not listed. Entering a new organisation will delay your application while we review it

Next



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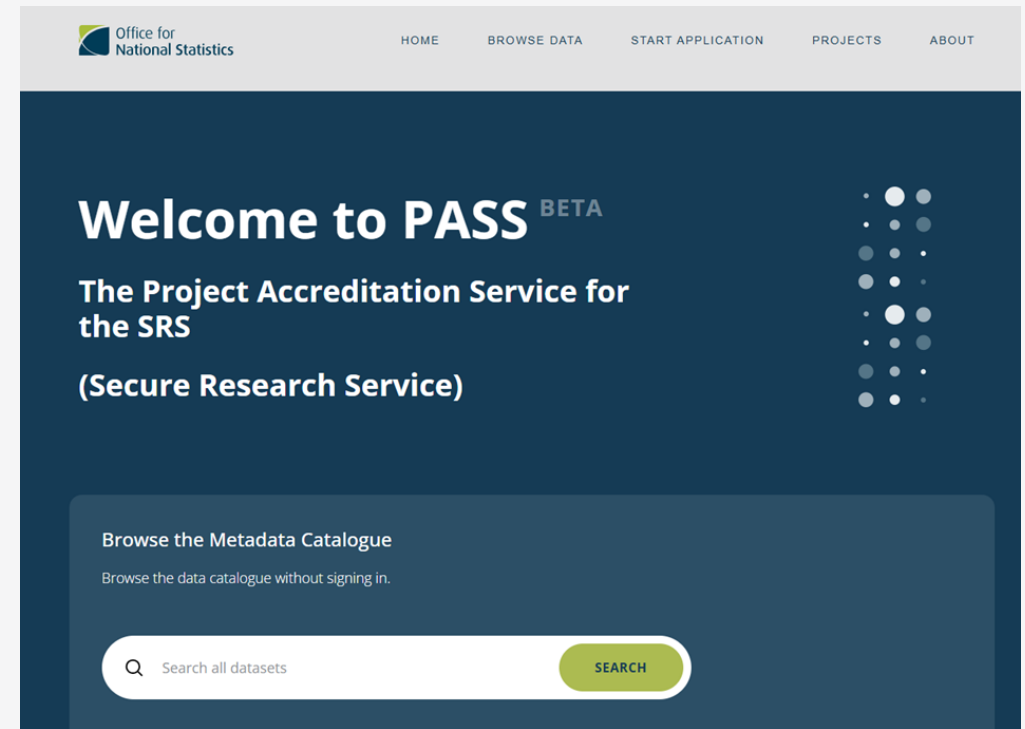
2. Submit a project application on PASS



# Submit a Project Application

- **Dataset Basket**
  - Select from the SRS [catalogue](#), fill your basket and apply
- **Section 1: Project Details**
  - Project title and duration, abstract, purpose
  - Project Lead or Deputy Project Lead must submit the application
- **Section 2: Data details**
  - External data required, Inter-Departmental Business Register Services
- **Section 3: Methods**
  - Methods, Bias, Public good
- **Section 4: Research sensitivity**
  - Harm, mitigation
- **Section 5: Public benefits**
  - Population coverage, public benefit, publication strategy

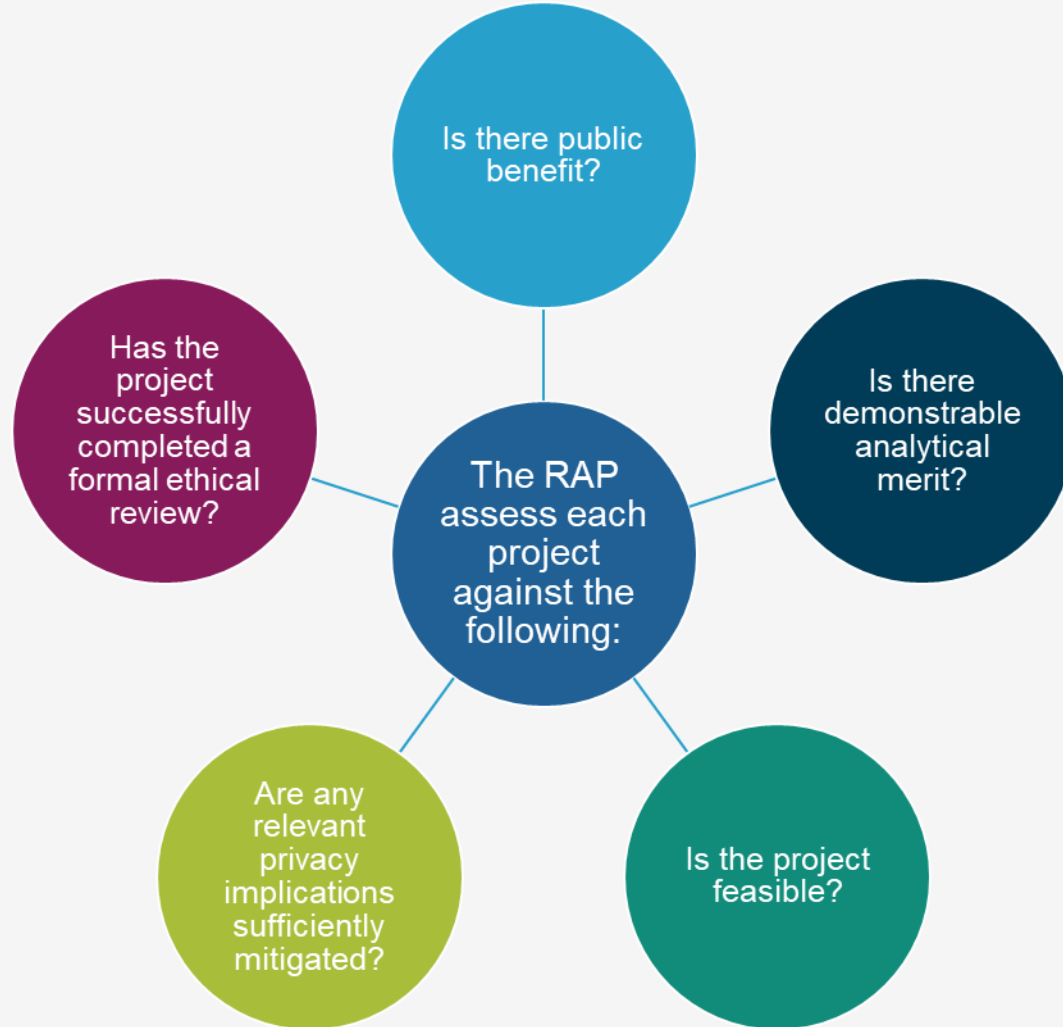
## Submit a project application through the Project Accreditation Service for the SRS (PASS)



Visit the [UKSA website](#) for guidance and examples



# The Research Accreditation Panel (RAP)



- The Research Accreditation Panel (RAP) provides oversight of the framework that is used to accredit research projects, researchers and processing environments.
- The research framework is underpinned by the [Research Code of Practice and Accreditation Criteria](#)
- [Research Accreditation Panel – UK Statistics Authority](#)



# RF2025 and accessing data within the SRS



1. Become an accredited researcher

2. Submit a project application on PASS

3. Accessing your project in the SRS



# Accessing the Data within the SRS

## SRS Safe Rooms

Bookable terminal  
in ONS Newport

Bookable terminal  
in ONS Titchfield

## SafePods

23 small self-  
contained secure  
rooms with a single  
workstation

[Link to Locations -  
SafePod](#)

## Assured Organisational Connectivity (AOC)

Office access from  
your organisation's  
approved office  
network

Remote access  
from home using  
your organisation's  
secure remote  
setup



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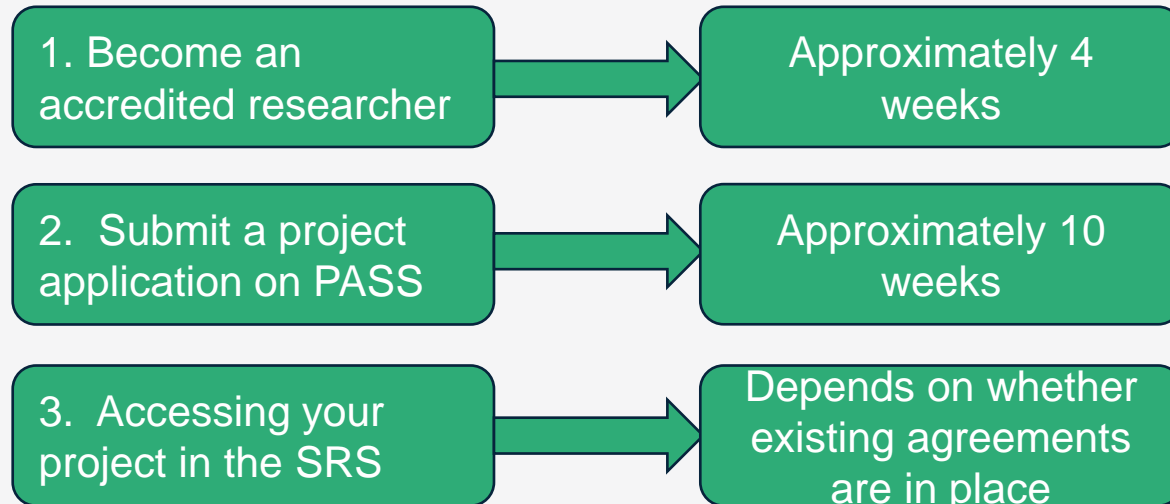


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# Possible Timeframes



# Get in touch

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