

# NEWCASTLE 85+ STUDY DATA GUARDIANS GROUP

## Terms of reference



The Newcastle 85+ Data Guardians Group (DGG) has been constituted to safeguard the integrity and promote maximum potential of the Newcastle 85+ study data. **The DDG acts independently from the current Newcastle 85+ study management team.**

### Constitution

The DGG currently comprises of:

Professor Carol Jagger (Chair)  
Professor Tom Kirkwood  
Dr Andrew Kingston  
Professor Louise Robinson  
Dr Carmen Martin-Ruiz

Any member wishing to resign from the group should notify the Chair and Secretary. New members shall be appointed by majority decision of the group, with the Chair having the deciding vote in case of a tie.

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The terms of reference of the DGG are as follows:

- To consider and approve requests for data from the Newcastle 85+ study
- To consider and approve applications for funding that include analysis of the Newcastle 85+ study data (prior to submission)
- To approve final versions of original publications and conference abstracts using the Newcastle 85+ study data
- To act as final arbitrators on authorship of publications
- To ensure the integrity of the study is upheld

## **Frequency and conduct of meetings**

The DGG will meet face to face twice a year. The DGG will (i) review all active data applications and their status (from reports provided) and (ii) review the status of publications arising from data applications.

All business between the face to face meetings will be conducted using e mail, including consideration of data requests, application for funding, review of publications and abstracts. If concerns or disagreements arise a meeting will be convened to resolve these.

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