**DATA USAGE POLICY**

Beginning a new post as a researcher and/or starting a new research project can be a challenging experience. This is especially true when it comes to data, both in regards to finding the data you need and making use of that data. The Big Data & Analytical Unit (BDAU) can help you in overcoming these hurdles by assisting with locating sources of data relevant to your research and guiding you in the process of acquiring and handling your data. We can also ensure that your use of data falls within the strict guidelines as required by both providers and the institution.

 Please contact bdau@imperial.ac.uk and/or your supervisor if **any of the following** apply to you:

* You are already using a dataset which is not publicly available
* You would like to use a dataset which is not publicly available
* You require assistance in determining which data you require
* You require assistance with data acquisition, data analysis, data policy, data ethics
* You require assistance with collaboration on your research in regards to data
* If you have any other questions or doubts about the data you are using/intend to use

**All researchers within the Centre for Health Policy (CHP) as part the Institute for Global Health Innovation (IGHI) are required to register all non-publicly available data with the BDAU to ensure that there are no financial and/or reputational consequences for our organisation in regards to data handling.** We can also assist you in ensuring that you meet the high research standards expected of our institution.

