Sandbox assessment criteria indicators

Please note: these criteria will be assessed via the full application form, which will be provided to applicants following an engagement call with the Sandbox team.

Indicators	1	2	3	4
Innovation	Product or service is clearly a reworking of an existing approach. Limited or no comparison with other approaches to show how they are innovative.	Information provided shows that there is likely to be some form of innovation being undertaken. Some form of comparison with existing approaches is made that shows the difference and innovation.	The innovation present is clear to the reader with use of effective qualitative and quantitative evidence. Comparisons with existing approaches are specific, relevant, and well- evidenced.	The innovation present is clear and likely to be transformative as shown through effective qualitative and quantitative evidence. Comparisons with existing approaches are specific, relevant, and well-evidenced.
Public Benefit	Product or service will clearly not benefit the public beyond the organisational benefit of the submitting organisation. Limited or no attempt to quantify the breadth or depth of benefit to the public of the product or service.	Product or service is likely to bring some benefit to the public beyond the benefit of the submitting organisation. A reasonable attempt is made to quantify potential public benefit in terms of breadth and depth and supported with some quantitative and/or qualitative evidence	The breadth and depth of potential public benefit created by the product or service is clear and significant. Effective qualitative and quantitative evidence is provided to support the application.	The breadth and/or depth of public benefit present is clear and likely to be substantive and transformative. Compelling qualitative and quantitative evidence is provided.



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Sandbox plan viability	Sandbox activity and mechanisms proposed do not look like they fall within the scope of our suggested approach. The proposed timescales would not fit with proposed scope and resource requirements of the project The organisation does not appear to have a plan to identify or assess risks robustly or have sufficiently mitigated any of the risks they raise. The risks to both project delivery and to the data subject have not been assessed. Exit plan has clear deficiencies and/or does not adequately mitigate risks or provide redress.	Mechanisms proposed clearly fall within the scope of the intended approach. With some slight revision proposed timescales will fit proposed scope and resource requirements of the project There is a plan to identify and assess risk and where risks already identified there are clear mitigations and control mechanisms in place that appear efficient and effective. There is a clear exit plan in place that attempts to mitigate risk to participants and provide redress where needed.	Mechanisms have been well thought through, relate to the intended scope with clear relation to timescales and resources likely to be needed. Some risks have been identified and assessed. There are risk mitigations and control mechanisms in place that appear efficient and effective. The risks to both to the data subject and to project delivery are both well understood. There is a clear exit plan that evidences how risks will be mitigated and any redress needed will be provided.	Mechanisms have been well thought through, relate to the intended scope with clear relation to timescales and resources likely to be needed. There are sophisticated risk mitigations and control mechanisms in place that have been shown to be efficient and effective through the provision of evidence. The risks to both to the data subject and to project delivery are both well understood and have been mitigated to ensure delivery of the sandbox plan. There is a clear exit plan that evidences how risks will be mitigated, how any redress needed will be provided, and in effect ensure a 'failsafe' approach.