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# **BENEFITS OF DATA SERVICES FOR RESEARCHERS**

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# What is ONS?

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- The Office for National Statistics  
Government's single largest statistical producer
- The internationally recognised NSI for the UK
- The executive body of the UK Statistics Authority,  
UK Statistics Authority, responsible for promoting and safeguarding official statistics within UK

# Our mission

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“To improve understanding of life in the UK and enable informed decisions to be made by providing trusted, relevant and independent statistics and analysis.”

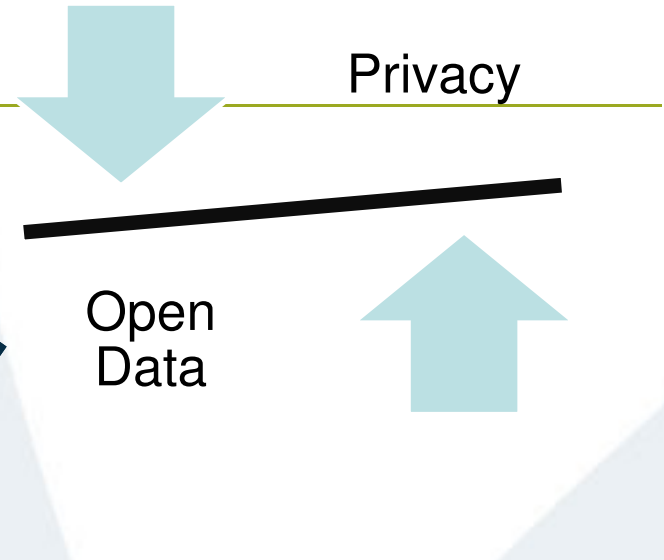
# Our data

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285 unique statistical releases, covering:

- 10-yearly census for England and Wales
- Measures of inflation
- National Accounts – including Gross Domestic Product and Balance of Payments
- Population and migration statistics
- Employment measures
- Health, social and vital statistics

# Published Statistics / Unpublished Data ...



better society decisions policy making informed understanding public decision benefit good

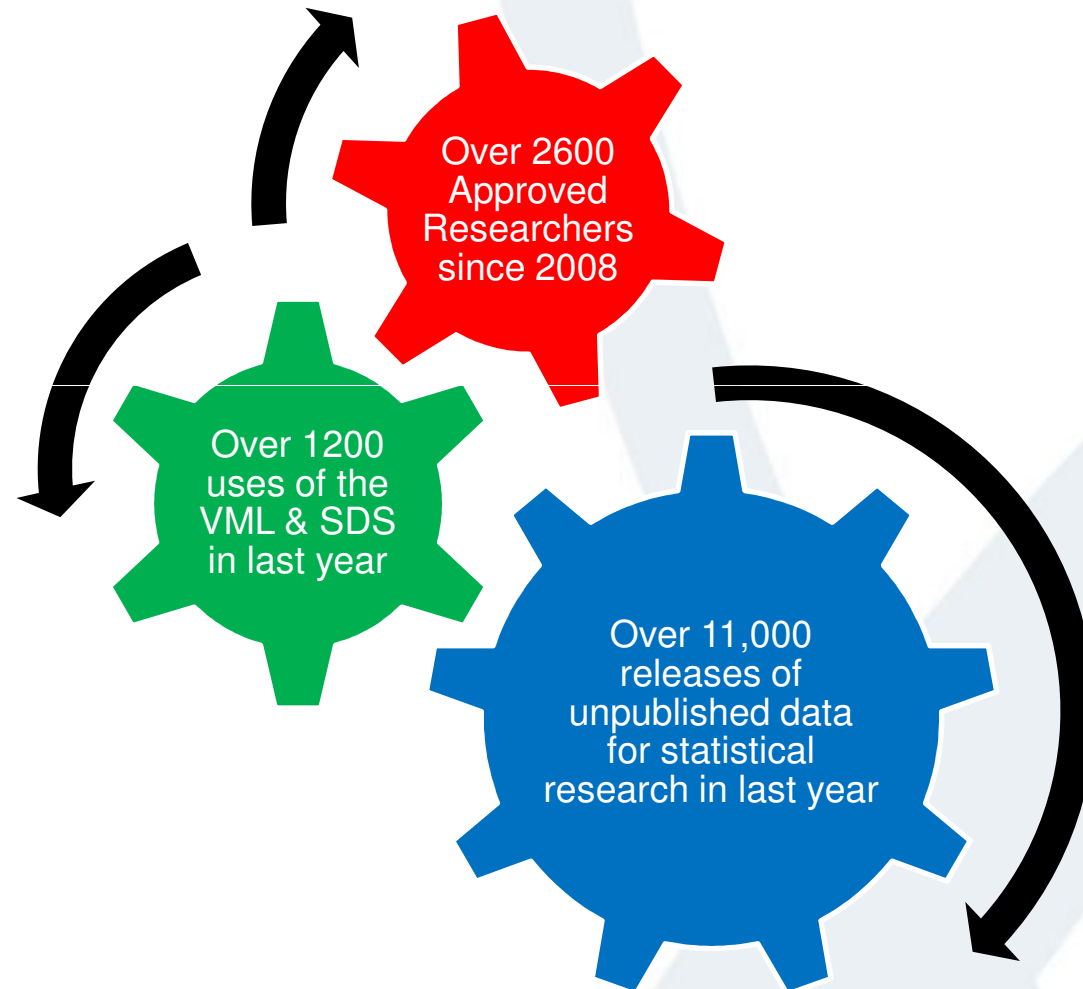
# A Snapshot of Data Access

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# Drivers behind Data Access

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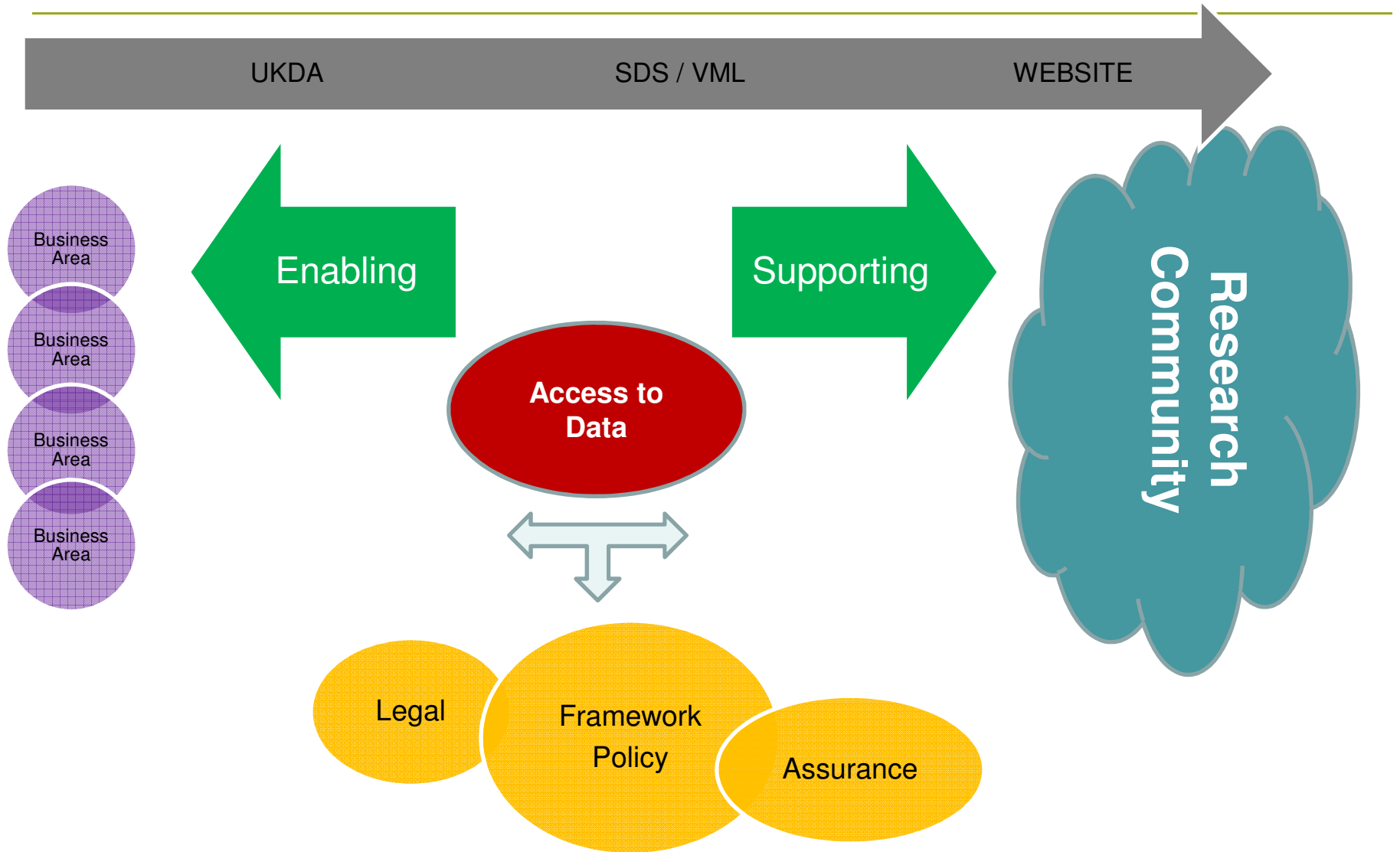
- “Open Data”
- Legal Framework
  - Statistics and Registration Services Act 2008 (SRSA)
    - “Promote and assist research by providing access to data where lawful to do so .....
- Impact & Public Policy
  - Policy Related Research
- “European Drivers”
  - Data Without Boundaries (DWB)
  - Decentralised and Remote Access (DARA)

# How do we provide Data Access Services ?

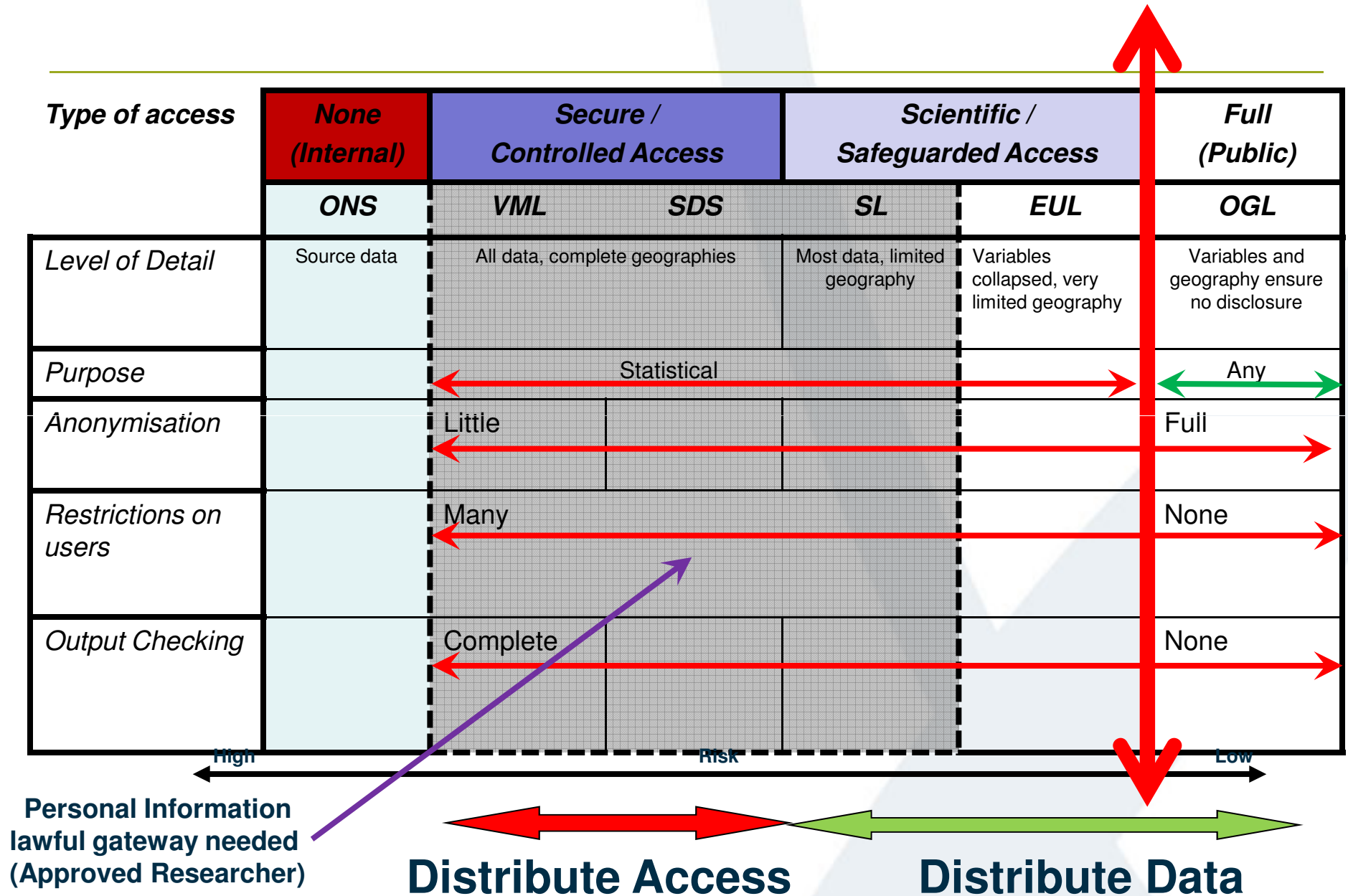
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# How ONS provides data services



# Provision of Data Services – The Data Access Model



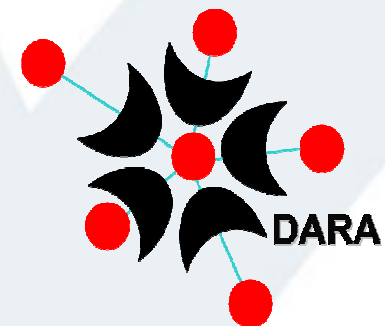
# Working with Others



UK Data Service



Economic and Social Data Service



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# How do we provide Data Access Services ?

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- Strategic Partnerships
  - Over 40 years experience
  - Working with UKDA
- New UK Data Service
  - Concordat Agreement
    - Provision of Data Access
- Future ?
  - Strengthen & expand Concordat
  - Administrative Data Task Force (ADTF)

UK Data Service



# The Benefits of Data Access Services

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# Benefits of Data Access

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- “Producer” Benefits

Secondary Data Analysis

Exploitation and reuse of Data

Public Benefit



# Benefit to ONS

## Help us achieve our Vision

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### Unpublished Statistics:

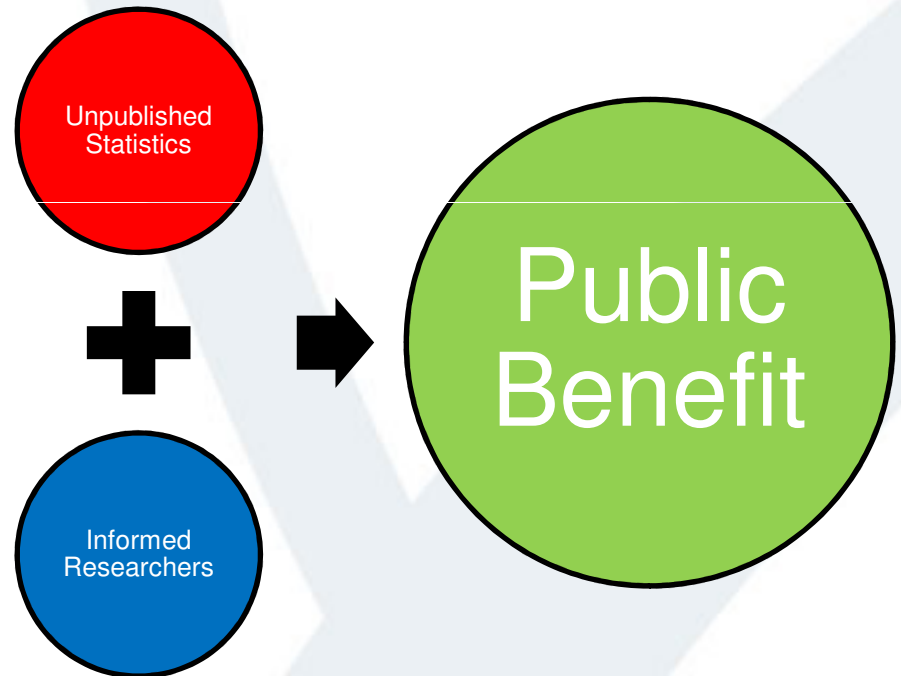
We will make our data available in a lawful and secure manner for research, whilst maintaining the privacy of our respondents

### Informed Researchers:

We will listen to researchers and understand how best to harness our portfolio of unpublished statistical data for research.

### Public Benefit:

We will facilitate statistical research that improves our knowledge of society, helping to make informed decisions that deliver public benefit.



# Benefits of Data Access

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- “Researcher” Benefits

More detailed Data available for Research !

Hopefully, better Research

Opportunity to shape and influence policy

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**THANK YOU**  
**QUESTIONS ?**

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