



# 2011 census output challenges

*David Martin*

*Director, ESRC Census Programme*

# Overview

- Starting assumptions
- ESRC census programme: current
- 2011 output plans – key issues
- Current developments and challenges (apart from starting assumptions!)
  - Organizational
  - Output products

# ESRC census programme: current (to 31 July 2011)

- Data acquisition, dissemination, training and user support
- Eight data support units
  - Registration and Portal, Aggregate data, boundaries, SARs, interaction data, Longitudinal Studies x3
- Small R&D projects
- Engagement with census organizations re. academic user needs: analytical uses
- Coordinator

# 2011 outputs: reactions

- Welcome web services dissemination approach
  - Active partnership: largest area of use by far; need to get on
- Interaction data and microdata: research use
  - SDC and access?
- Longitudinal studies
  - Access, UK issues?



# Current developments and challenges: organizational

- Need to know format of 2011 licensing before planning details
- Need UK joined-up approach
- Cannot yet specify requirements of follow-on services
  - probable slimmed-down one year extension of services: details being worked out now

# Current developments and challenges: output products 1

- Partnership working with ONS on API development, legacy data, hypercube structure
- SARs and interaction data decisions required
  - severely impaired by 2001 SDC, delays and complex access arrangements
  - Most of these issues should already be resolved: SARs business case presented

## Current developments and challenges: output products 2

- ESRC Secure Data Service: potential home for more restricted datasets for research use (interaction, SARs?)
  - will data be produced?
  - initial discussion re. SDS capacity
- LS development
  - Access arrangements: current review, UK coordination
  - Not obviously a SARs substitute (while also an LS?)
- View to future alternatives to census?