

Social Mobility Transparency Board

Terms of Reference and Membership

Reporting to:	Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP, Deputy Prime Minister
Chaired by:	Rt Hon David Willets MP, Minister for Universities and Science
Permanent Members:	Ministers from relevant departments A Senior Official from relevant Departments A relevant No. 10 official A relevant official from the Deputy Prime Minister's Office A member of the Cabinet Office Transparency team External representatives from data user communities

Aim

To match and share a much wider range of data on progression through education and into the labour market, to underpin research, policies and initiatives outside government to improve social mobility.

The Board will

- act as an effective challenge body to ensure that where possible relevant datasets are linked and shared
- provide a focal point for bringing Transparency to the cross-government commitment to improve social mobility.
- work to achieve the benefits of transparency for end-users of public services, for public sector professionals and for businesses.
- assist relevant Departments in achieving their wider objectives to create social and economic value through the release of open data and to facilitate exciting new user-focused services and applications.

Scope

The Board will encourage closer collaboration between departments and other relevant organisations. The initial focus will be on progression so that it is possible to track mobility and educational outcomes, but the group may also consider data transparency on wider issues related to social mobility.

Governance

The Board will meet on a biannual basis, with sub-group meetings in between formal sessions as required.

Measuring Success

Key success measures:

- That relevant identified key datasets are linked and shared to support the social mobility agenda.

- Data shared takes account of data user needs (including information, advice and guidance) as much as possible and mechanisms are in place to capture and reflect upon user feedback.
- Newly linked and/or shared data is used to improve the evidence base to support the social mobility agenda.
- New data is made available in a way that can be used to increase/improve user-focused applications or services including information advice and guidance.

Review arrangements

The Board will review its progress twice annually. It will report progress against its milestones each annum to both the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Cabinet Office and the Informal Ministerial Group on Social Mobility. In addition, the Board will provide a written statement to the same parties in the interim.