Data will be collected in 4 ways:

1 - Those who register for the event through the UKDS registration page will need to provide the following information:

1. First and Last name
2. Email address
3. Organisation/institution
4. Role(s) (Choose from the following - Analyst, Consultant, Lecturer, Librarian, Manager, Masters student, PhD student, Researcher, Statistician, Undergraduate student, Other – free text entry)
5. Sector(s) (Choose from the following - Central government, Higher education (staff or student), Local government, NHS, Non-departmental public body, Private sector, VCSE/Not-for-profit sector, Other – free text entry)
6. If in education, what discipline(s) are you in? (Choose from the following - Accounting / Finance, Anthropology, Architecture, Arts, Biology / Medicine, Business / Management, Computational Social Science, Criminology / Law, Cultural Studies, Data Science / Information Science, Demography, Economics, Education, Engineering, Epidemiology, Food Science / Nutrition, Geography / Environment, Health / Social Care, History, Hospitality / Tourism, Language / Linguistics, Library, Marketing, Mathematics / Statistics, Media / Communications, Politics, Psychology, Social Policy, Social Statistics, Sociology, Transport Studies, Not applicable)
7. How did you learn about this event? (Choose from the following - Colleague / Friend / Supervisor etc., Government Analysis Function, LinkedIn, NCRM training and events database, Twitter, UK Data Service mailing list, UK Data Service/UK Data Archive website, University email, Other – free text entry)
8. I am happy for the UK Data Service to contact me in the future to provide feedback on its services (we will retain your details securely for this purpose) Yes or No
9. How do you expect that this event will support and help improve your work or studies?
10. Are you happy for your name and institution to be included on the participants list for this event? Yes or No
11. Do you have any special or dietary requirements?
12. Do you require the loan of a laptop for the workshop? Yes or No

The information will be collected through a Microsoft Forms and stored on secure university machines. Digital copies of identifying information (e.g. names and emails) will be deleted as soon as possible (e.g. immediately after the final event emails have been sent).

2 – The final list of registered participants will be printed and when participants arrive they will be asked to confirm their name and to sign the registration sheet to confirm they consent to their comments being noted. This will be stored in a locked cabinet on university premises for approximately a year for auditing purposes and then destroyed through the secure document destruction process on campus.

3 – During the workshop, participants will be asked to use a phone or laptop to participate anonymously in polls, short answers, Q&A, etc. through mentimeter. This is a software presentation tool offered by the University of Manchester that allows people to respond in real time to questions put to them during a presentation and for the responses to appear (again, in real time) on the screen. The mentimeter participations will not be personal or sensitive questions, but will be things like “Have you used GitHub or another version control repository before?” and “Do you code in R, python or something else most often?” All responses submitted through mentimeter will be used as anonymous data, stored in secure university sharepoint sites.

4 – The workshop leaders (there will be three of us) will take notes during the presentation, discussion, group work and Q&A times to anonymously record any experiences, questions, doubts, worries, surprised reactions, etc. that participants share out loud. For example, if someone in the group suggests that they are hesitant to share their code with others because they worry that they don’t know enough to write elegant code and think others will criticise what they wrote, we would make a note that people may be worried to share code because of criticism over how their code is written. Although a given note could potentially be attributed to an individual participant on the day (e.g. we all remember who made the “worrying about code critics” comment) the notes will be taken anonymously. Further, any experiences shared will be written up in general terms as much as possible e.g. “people worry their code will be criticised” or “participants reported that male collaborators were more critical of female-written code than male-written code, even though both were equally effective”. The notes will be transcribed as soon as possible and stored in secure university sharepoint sites, with any physical copies destroyed through the on campus secure document destruction process.

PLEASE NOTE:

There are no formal interview questions. This is not an interview so much as an observation of a focus group.

We will drive the conversation around reproducibility topics and suggest that participants consider potential barriers to reproducibility and how some people may find those barriers more or less challenges but there are no pre-determined interview questions.

Instead, we will note down the questions that the participants ask us, the comments they may, the suggestions they put forward and the way that the discussion develops. Again, this is NOT AN INTERVIEW, it is a training workshop in which we want to document the natural discussion of participants.