| **Quality Principle** | **What It Means** | **How We Achieve It** |
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| **Collaboration & External Validation** | Quality emerges from engaging others rather than working in isolation. | • Early stakeholder consultation on research design and policy questions  • Peer review during clearance processes  • External expert input (including from policymakers) at key project stages  • Internal presentations before external release |
| **Rigor & Reproducibility** | Work must be technically sound and independently verifiable | • Code runs end-to-end in clean environments  • Analysis includes basic data checks and sanity tests  • Documentation enables replication by others  • Readable code with meaningful variable names  • Results can be cross-verified against external benchmarks  • Policy implications clearly linked to evidence |
| **Clarity & Accessibility** | Research must be understandable and useful to intended audiences | • Clear writing tailored to audience expertise  • Graphics and branding meet internal standards  • Research addresses actionable policy questions  • Logical organisation and presentation |