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# 1 Case selection and data gathering

- See pre-analysis plan for details of what to include in this section
- Case selection (why focus on the UK?)
  - I am to have external validity to my research/case?
  - Can I make inferences to other cases?
- What is the case?
  - What is the unit of analysis?
  - What is the time period?
  - What is the geographical scope?
  - What are the key variables?
- What data is being collected?
- How is the data being collected?
  - What is the sampling strategy?
  - Note the UK weighting
- Plan for using agentic modelling
  - Why would I use agentic modelling?
  - What is the agentic modelling?
  - How will I use agentic modelling?

# 2 Data analysis

## 2.1 Balance Check