BHF Data Science Centre Governance Structure
The role of the Oversight Committee is to:

- provide recommendations on the strategy and direction of the BHF Data Science Centre (DSC) to the BHF and HDR UK Board
- review progress against key deliverables according to the centre’s strategic plan
- support the centre director and her team in achieving the centre’s goals
- advise on maintaining alignment of the centre’s activities to BHF strategy
- aid and support alignment with key partners and stakeholders
- advise on ways in which the centre’s national and international reach and reputation can be built and upheld.

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BHF DSC staff  
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Optional attendees:

Prof Andrew Morris  
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Prof Nilesh Samani  
Medical Director, BHF