

# Harnessing data from health and other public services

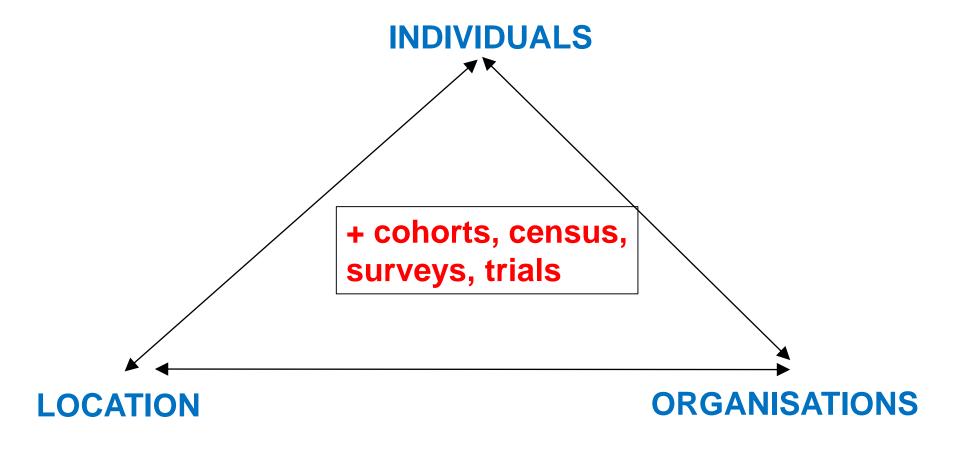
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### **Administrative data**





# Use of data for research requires a balance of two public goods

**Administrative Data Research Network** 

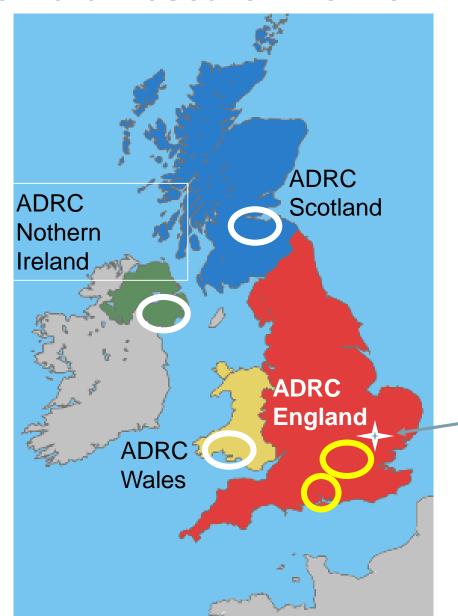
....'to widen the use of linked administrative data for research'

Research for public benefit

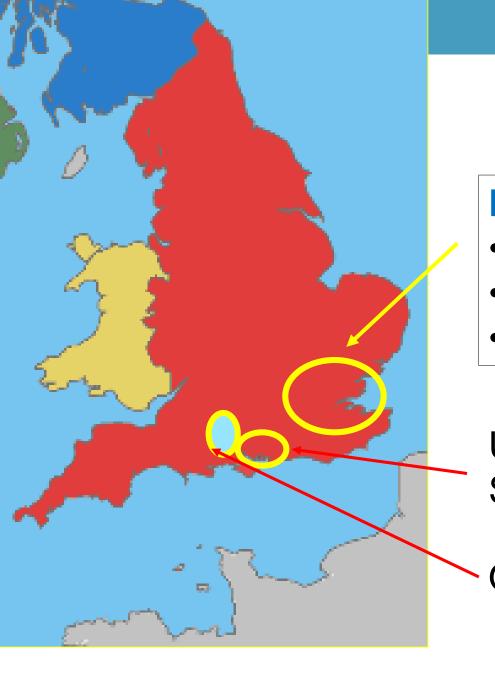
Safeguards against misuse



#### **Administrative Data Research Network**



Administrative Data Service Essex Univ





### **Bloomsbury**

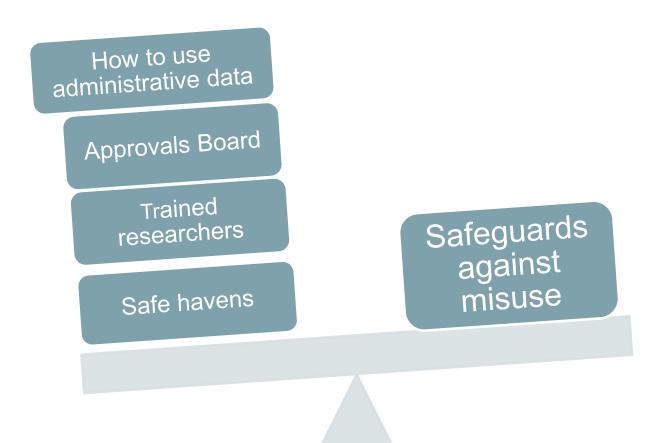
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# Administrative Data Research Network...how does it help?



# 'Big' health data-some examples (in 2015) UCL

ONS vital registration data (England & Wales

- -700,000 births
- -500,000 deaths
- -3300 stillbirths
- -185,000 abortions (DH)



- -15 million inpatient admissions
- -18 million A&E attendances
- -108 million outpatient bookings



#### Children Looked After data (England)

-69,500 children in care



#### CPRD/THIN (UK)

- -Complete primary care records
- -6-8% of the UK population
- -4-6 million active patients



Paediatric Intensive Care Audit

Network (UK) -59,500 PICU admissions



#### How to use administrative data?



## Data linkage: need to evaluate within data provider/linker environment

Work with data linkers

- NHS Digital
- Public Health England
- Ministry of Justice

Health Services Research

Identifying Possible False Matches in Anonymized Hospital Administrative Data without Patient Identifiers

Gareth Hagger-Johnson, Katie Harron, Arturo Gonzalez-Izquierdo, Mario Cortina-Borja, Nirupa Dattani, Berit Muller-Pebody,

Roper Parslow Ruth Cilbert and Harren Coldstein

Statistics

Journal of Public Health | pp. 1–8 | doi:10.1093/pubmed/fdx037

Perspectives

GUILD: GUidance for Information about Linking Data sets<sup>†</sup>

Hagger-Johnson et al. Probabilistic linking to enhance deterministic algorithms and reduce linkage errors in hospital administrative data. J Innovation in Health Informatics (in press)

BMJ Open Data linkage errors in hospital administrative data when applying a pseudonymisation algorithm to paediatric intensive care records

Gareth Hagger-Johnson, 1,2 Katie Harron, 1 Tom Fleming, 3 Ruth Gilbert, 1 Harvey Goldstein, 1,4 Rebecca Landy, 5 Roger C Parslow 3

Understanding the Impact of Data Quality on Data Linkage

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A scaling approach to record linkage

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# How to use administrative data? PLOS | ONE



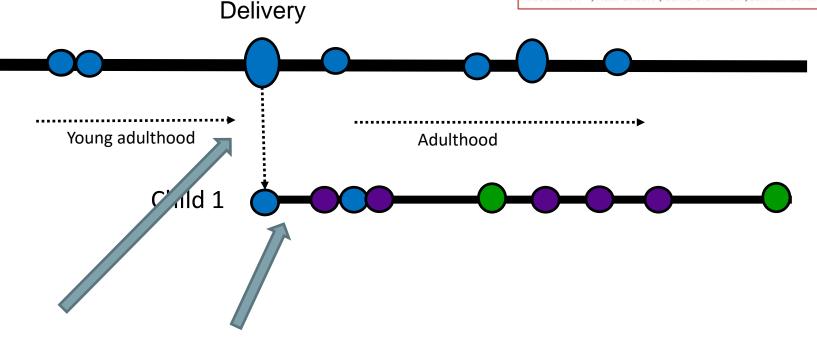
# Mother-baby linkage in England – 7 million pairs

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Linking Data for Mothers and Babies in De-Identified Electronic Health Data

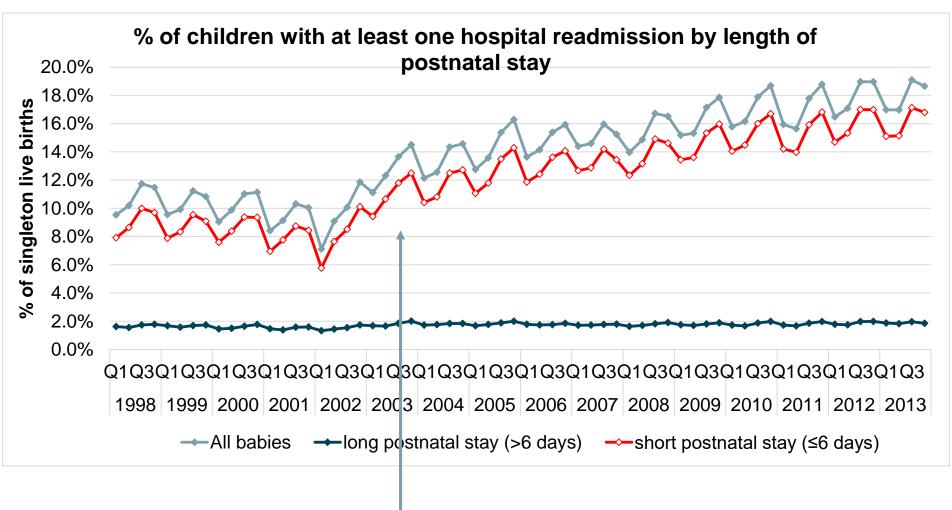
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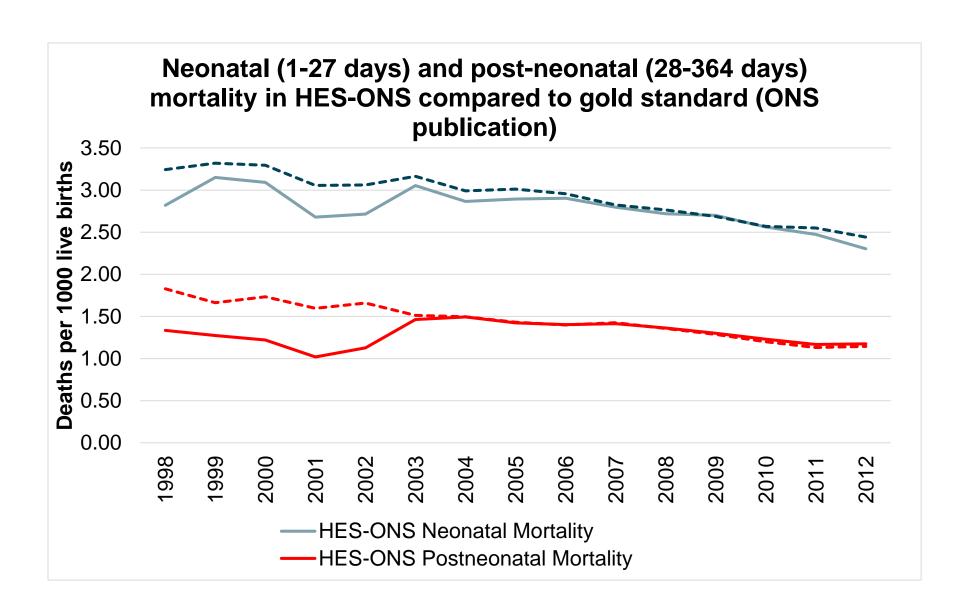
Linkage accuracy?

#### Validating data: Hospital episode statistics for England



Apparent step change in rates of emergency readmissions due to improved linkage accuracy between birth episodes and subsequent admissions in HES due to availability of NHS number

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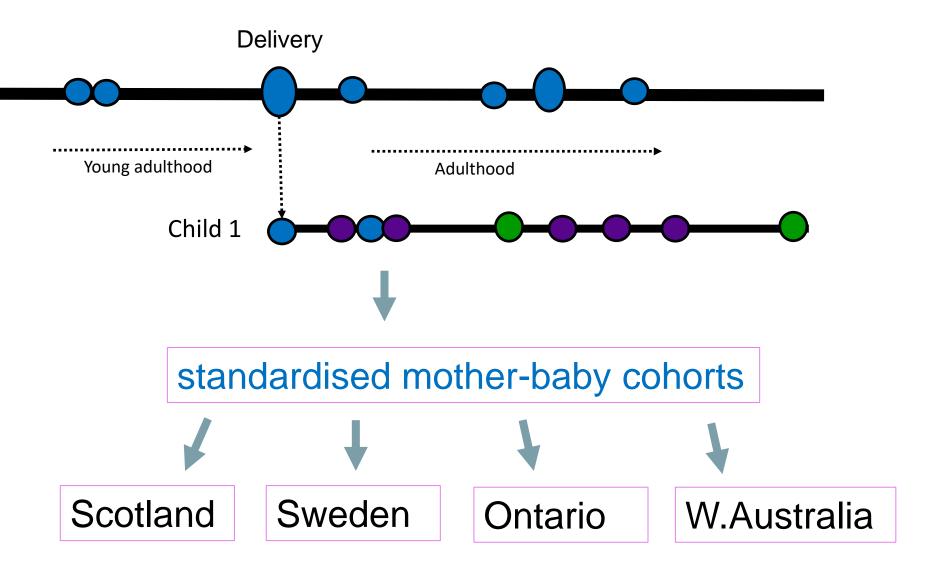


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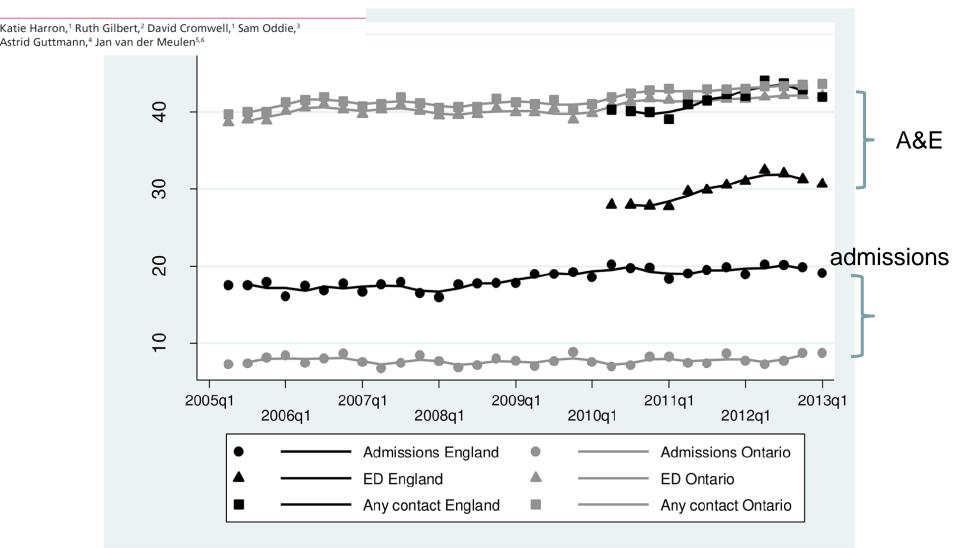
- 7 million pairs



International comparison of emergency hospital use for infants: data linkage cohort study in Canada and England



Harron K, et al. BMJ Qual Saf 2017;**0**:1–9. doi:10.1136/bmjqs-2016-006253



gure 1 Trends in the percentage of infants with ≥1 unplanned admission, ED visit or any contact (admission or ED) within 12 months of postnatal scharge. Symbols=observed rates; lines=three-guarter moving average. ED, emergency department.

#### What data can we draw on? Referred to Placed in care **Pregnancy Pregnancy Birth** children's social care **Hospital Special** Self harm School Care proceedings **Educational Arrested for** exclusion (family courts) needs violence Adolescence Adulthood Young adulthood Childhood Health ..... **Education** Services Data Social care Family justice Crime, employment..... **Evidence**



## ADRC England exemplar studies in development

- Health-education-pollution indicators
- hospitalisation-birth registration-census motherbaby cohorts
- renal transplantation ~ welfare benefits/earnings
- dormant trials ~ education and health
- household survey (labour force survey) ~ health for family members



## **England is lagging behind**

#### **Wales**

GP registration spine, hospital, GP and community health, social care, education, environment, housing, crime

SAIL – independent linkage and research environment

#### **Scotland**

Registration spine, hospital, community prescribing, education, census, crime

eDRIS – independent linkage and research environment

# **England**

- many large data providers
- established access arrangements
- no central relationship trusted third party

## Shifting the balance: widening use of data for research

Re-use data

Institutional security

> Harmonise approvals

Data provider/linker transparency + R&D

Robust research

Data as an asset

Organisational factors Subsidise

Costs

Safeguards against misuse

Data for research

**Data restriction** 



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