Open analytics at the Health Foundation

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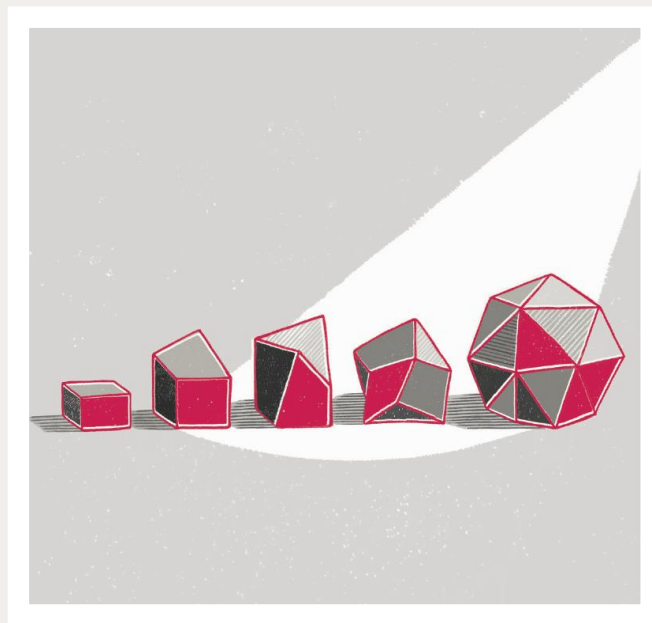
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The Health Foundation

About us

The Health Foundation is an independent charity committed to bringing about better health and health care for people in the UK.

We connect what works on the ground with effective policymaking and vice versa.

We shine a light on how to make successful change happen

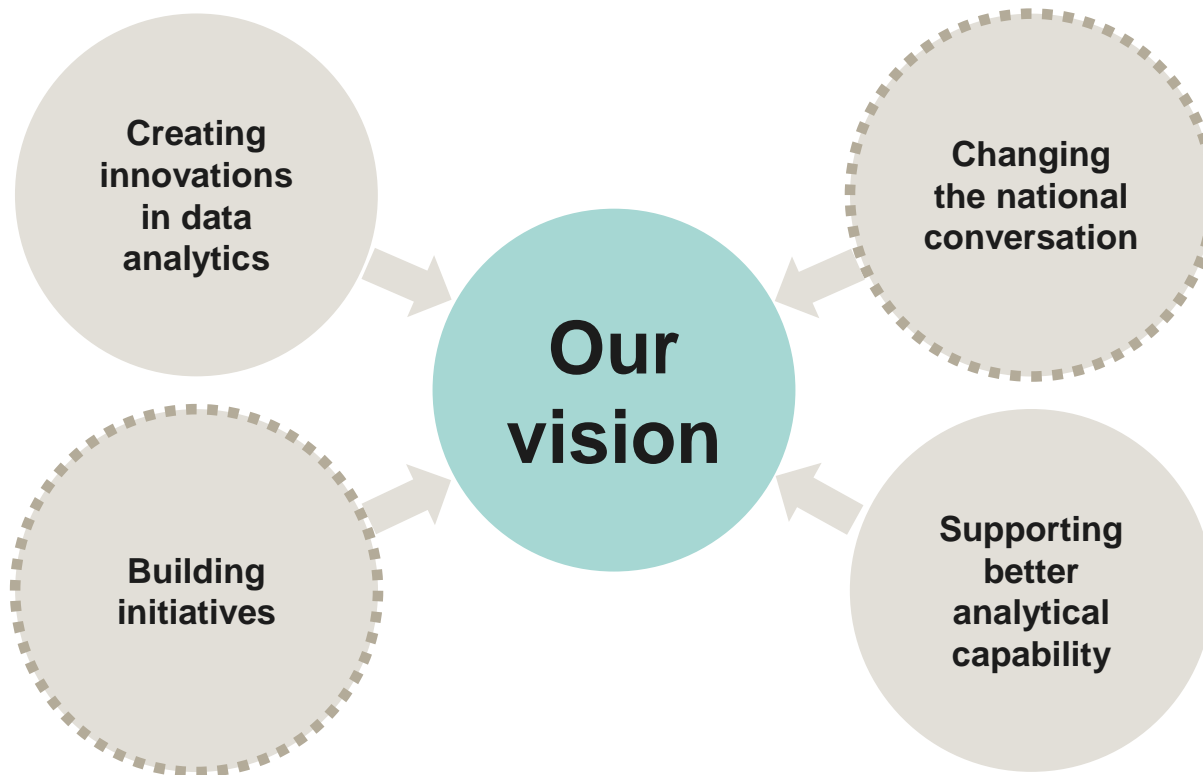Challenges for health and health care

Ensuring everyone's health and care benefits from analytics and data-driven technology

Developments in analytics and data driven technology
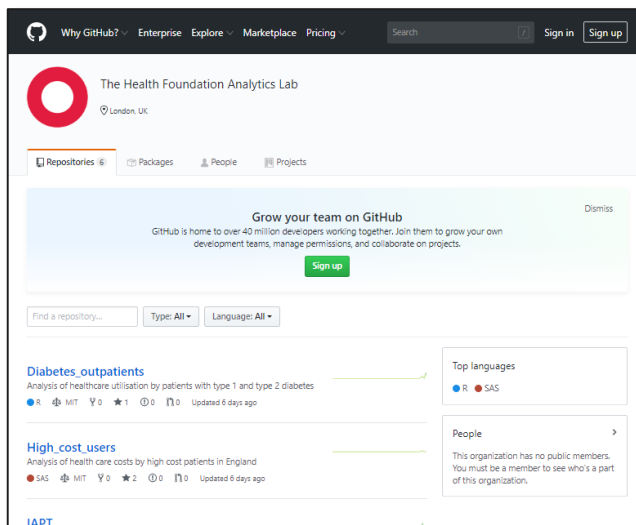
Making it happen

How do we work?

Collaborative Our problems are big and complex (as are the datasets), isolated analytical teams, working in one geographical area, on one part of the system, are limited in their impact.

Legitimate We need buy in and input from policy makers, clinicians, patients and the public. Need to work together to determine the limits of analytical linkage and methods, inform the questions we ask, and interpret results.

Open We are open with our methods, and share them to spread learning via GitHub etc. We need to be subject to scrutiny and allow others to reproduce our results.

Where are we now?

Publishing our code

https://hfanalyticslab.github.io/

Sharing our learning

Benefits of working openly

- Reducing 'analytical waste' by reusing and adapting code and processes developed by other

- Sharing work internally, keeping up with and celebrating each other's progress

- Crediting contributions, internally and from collaborators

- Permanent record of analyses for better reproducibility

- Scientific integrity and credibility

What are the barriers for others?

How can we encourage open working?

Developing our open working standard

Supporting best practice in health data analytics

Support the learning and application of R in the NHS.

Workshops, video tutorials and a platform for discussion and sharing of best practice solutions to NHS problems.

Collaborative analytics across the UK

Networked Data Lab

25 applications across all four UK nations

Open coding capability in the system

Sharing code locally
~80%

Sharing code externally
~50%

GitHub presence
~25%

What can data producers and owners do?

Calls for action from the analyst community.

Data controllers could help to **speed up the spread of open working**

- By modelling best practice (publishing code, reference and metadata)

- By setting the same standards for users of their data

- By signposting to existing code to lower the barriers for new users and accelerate work on experimental datasets

Vision:
Everyone's health and care benefits from analytics and data-driven technology

Areas important to realisation of vision

A data and technology ecosystem that innovates in response to UK health and care priorities	**Analytics and data-driven technology are used to help reduce health inequalities**	**Effective monitoring of the impact of analytics and data-driven technology on health, and the right regulation**	**The potential value of data for health and care is realised**	**A flourishing, and responsible, innovation ecosystem**

Thank you

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