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Panel discussion

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Response to NHS Digital

Welcome NHS Digital's commitment to making survey data available, and work they are doing to streamline and improve their processes

Invaluable data resources – e.g. HSE, APMS, MHCYP, SDD – wide range of users and uses

Responsibility to survey respondents – confidentiality and data security, and also to make good use of the data. Importance of safeguards to maintain public confidence

On-line access – can be very effective if get the technology right

Good to see that data linkage is part of NHS Digital's thinking – huge value

Anonymised 'open' dataset – feasibility/usefulness? – user feedback important