AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE DATA RESEARCH CENTRE – SCOTLAND (ADRC-S)

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WHAT IS ADMINISTRATIVE DATA?

Data routinely gathered by organisations

“...when registering people or carrying out transactions, or for record keeping – usually when delivering services”

UK Dataservice
WHAT IS ADMINISTRATIVE DATA?

For purposes of statistical analysis:
- Anonymised
- Strict controls on access and use
  - Safe researcher training
  - Infrastructure to enable secure holding
  - Trusted third party use to enable linkage
  - Disclosure control
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Scottish examples:

**Microdata**
Census?
Scottish Morbidity Records (SMR)
Vital registrations (births, deaths, marriages)
Education data
Benefits data

**Macrodata**
Area deprivation
Rurality
Pollution
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**What's New?**

**Enquiry Contact Form** - On our contacts page you will find a copy of our [enquiry form](#) [25kb] When you are contacting us please complete this form and email into our central mailbox [nss.edris@nhs.net](mailto:nss.edris@nhs.net) where your enquiry will be triaged.

**Statistical Disclosure Control Requests** - A guide on requesting disclosure control is now available. Due to the increasing volume of requests for the release of outputs from the National Safe Haven and to help us process these more efficiently this [guide](#) [793kb] contains handy hints and tips on how to prepare for disclosure control of your documents.

**Introduction**

The electronic Data Research and Innovation Service (eDRIS) provides a single point of contact to assist in the completion of applications to the Public Benefit and Privacy Panel and assist researchers in study design, approvals and data access in a secure environment. eDRIS aims to make conducting research easier, more efficient and more convenient. eDRIS is part of Information Services Division (ISD) and supports the Health Data Research UK (HDRUK), Administrative Data Research Centre (ADRC) and Scottish Government Linkages Projects at No 9 Edinburgh Bioquarter, Little France Road, Edinburgh. EH16 4UX.
IN THE FUTURE...

Reusable datasets being developed...

Ongoing work to enable census microdata access more easily in Scotland
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ADRC SCOTLAND TRAINING

The Administrative Data Research Centre - Scotland:

1-day Safe Researcher Training
Micro Safe Settings Network
Supporting safe access to research data in the UK

Guidance and application for a Micro Safe Setting (SafePod™)
Secondary Data Analysis Initiative

Funded until March 2025

The UK has a world-leading data infrastructure for social and economic research that provides a huge opportunity to address some of the most pressing challenges facing society today and into the future. The Secondary Data Analysis Initiative aims to deliver high-quality high-impact research through the deeper exploitation of major data resources created by the ESRC and other agencies.

Since December 2015, ESRC funding for this initiative has been awarded through an open competition. This process allows researchers greater flexibility in the timing and focus of their proposals. It also enables ESRC to meet new strategic priorities, target particular datasets (for example around the release of a new wave of data), and provide more opportunity to work with partner organisations.

Related links

- SDAI Phase 1 research impacts leaflet (PDF)
- SDAI podcast: Are there more children with autism?

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EXEMPLAR PROJECTS

- Care in the last days of life
  - Linkage of 2001 and 2011 Scottish censuses to death registrations
  - Understanding trends in social circumstances and care needs in the final year of life
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