

## CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Are you responding *primarily* as a data custodian, data user or data subject? (We recognise all people are data subjects and many organisations act as data guardians and data users, but please tick only one box)

Data Custodian

Data User (e.g. researcher)

Data Subject (e.g. member of the public or group representing citizens)

### 1. Are there any benefits of data linkage for statistical and research purposes that are not sufficiently described here?

Yes, there are further benefits  No, the benefits are described fully

If you ticked 'yes', please describe the further benefits of data linkage for statistical and research purposes.

Comments

### 2. Are there challenges or barriers preventing more effective and efficient data linkages for statistical and research purposes taking place that are not sufficiently described here?

Yes, there are further challenges  No, the challenges have been identified

If you ticked 'yes', please describe the challenges or barriers.

There could be a little more description, in particular, of the local authority data challenges – not only are there many existing systems across authorities, there are also different systems across different specialisms within local authorities. Although better data linkage should lead, ultimately, to more efficient services, it is likely that bringing all the systems into an easily sharable state would take quite a bit of resource. Local Authorities may find it difficult to justify the cost of focusing on data systems when facing financial constraints. And yet it is the Local Authority data that will be needed for many research studies.

### 3. Are the guiding principles sufficient and appropriate? Please explain your answer fully and make suggestions for improvement.

Yes, they are sufficient and appropriate  No, they are not

Please explain your answer fully and make suggestions for improvement.

Comments

**4a. Are the objectives set out for a Privacy Advisory Service in Section 3c the right ones?**

Yes, the objectives are right

No, they are not

Please explain your answer fully and make suggestions for improvement.

Comments

**4b. Do you wish to be consulted on firmer proposals for a Privacy Advisory service as and when they are developed?**

Yes  No

**5a. Are the functions that will be led by the National Data Linkage Centre set out in section 3d the right ones?**

Yes, they are the right functions

No, they are not

Please explain your answer fully and make suggestions for improvement.

Comments

**5b. Do you wish to be consulted on firmer proposals for a National Data Linkage Centre as and when they are developed?**

Yes  No