

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.

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.

Comments

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.

The establishment of a Privacy Advisory Service or similar body is crucial as existing legislation governing the use of data is complex and the lack of consistency in interpretation can create barriers when it comes to making data available for linkages. An important consideration for the advisory service is ensuring there is no increase in regulatory burden.

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.

It would be useful to have further information about how the Privacy Advisory Service and the National Data Linkage Centre will operate, alongside each other or independently.

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

Yes No