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 <u>please tick only one box</u>)*

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.

Health Inequalities
- the effects of social inequality
- monitoring the affects of any policy changes design to reduce inequalities.

Planning of health services
- a high level overview of how the public accesses health services
- outcomes based on method of accessing health services

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.

Data from the same 'source' being held on different systems and recording different information or interpretations of data. For example GP data is held locally by each GP practice and would pose a considerable challenge to collect and interpret.

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 ☐