



Development and potential of a national social care dataset (COVID-19 related)

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Pre-covid landscape of National Social Care Datasets



Who/What/How/Why

What data?

Local Authority clients
Local Authority spend
Population characteristics
Regulatory compliance
Social Care/NHS interface

Who collects and collates it?

NHS Digital	MHCLG
CQC	Skills for Care
ONS	NHS England
DHSC	

How is it collected?

Surveys
Bespoke data templates/forms
Annually/Quarterly
Aggregate

How is it accessed?

Published as Official Statistics
Open data
Researchers apply for access to underlying raw data

Who uses it?

Policy makers
Regulators
Local Authorities



Limitations

- Huge gaps in coverage of adult social care landscape
- Lack of ability to link datasets
- Timeliness
- Burden of collection
- Then COVID hit.....
 - new data sources had to be found.....

Developing a new social care dataset

Starting point...

- What is the Care Management Systems C19 dataset?
- How did it start?
- What data does it capture?
- What is the daily process?
- Perceived benefits:
 - Reliability of data capture
 - Efficiency/burden reduction
 - Daily update
 - Consistency of data items



Dataset development

What have been the key stages and major challenges?



- Initial software development & deployment of C19 features
- Customer workflow use training
- Further enhancements of the data set
- Consent
- Automating daily collection, aggregation & sharing



- Developing the dataset & data items
- Information Governance
- Consent and coverage
- Data quality assurance
- Timescales

What happens next...



Latest thoughts

Where we are now

- Data flows are established
- Decision to be made on wider use of this dataset

What have we learned?

- Mandate data provision?
- Record level v aggregate data
- Data standards

Future potential

- System extracts
- NHSX data strategy



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