




# Planning a health data application - questions and information sources

Thinking through questions in the right order will help put you on the path to success


**1**  **Project idea**

**2**  **Define the purpose of your project**

- What are the specific questions I want to answer?
- How will my project benefit the public?
- How will I consult with patients and the public?


**3**  **Scope the data you need**

- How can I use data least able to identify an individual but that will still meet the needs of my project?
- What data sources could I use?
- How can I best design my flows and linkages?
- Would a discussion with the data custodian help?

**4**  **Identify your legal obligations**

**5**  **Meet your legal obligations**

- How can I apply for the permissions and approvals I need?
- Data Protection Act 2018 / UK GDPR
- Duty of Confidentiality

**6**  **Make your data application**

- Where do I make my data application?

## Useful Links and Tools

<a href="#">HRA - public involvement</a>	<a href="#">NIHR - Involve patients</a>
<a href="#">ICO - data minimisation</a>	<a href="#">NHSD - data minimisation</a>
<a href="#">MRC - identifiability, anonymisation and pseudonymisation</a>	<a href="#">HDRUK Innovation Gateway</a>
<a href="#">HQIP National Clinical Audit and Enquiries Directory</a>	<a href="#">HDRUK Data Utility Framework</a>
<a href="#">NIHR Clinical Trials Toolkit</a>	<a href="#">MRC RSC Experimental Medicine Toolkit</a>
<a href="#">HRA decision tool (research)</a>	<a href="#">HRA decision tool for research ethics</a>
<a href="#">HRA approvals guidance</a>	<a href="#">MRC RSC Health Data Access Toolkit</a>
<a href="#">Integrated Research Application System (IRAS)</a>	<a href="#">and its online guide</a>
<a href="#">MRC RSC animation - GDPR: Likely lawful basis for research:</a>	<a href="#">ICO - data protection</a>
<a href="#">Applying to (CAG) the Confidentiality Advisory Group</a>	<a href="#">NHSX - Consent</a>
	<a href="#">UHDA Duty of Confidentiality</a>
<a href="#">NHS Digital Data Access Request Service (DARS)</a>	<a href="#">HDRUK gateway for index of other custodians</a>
<b>Other key websites:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MRC Regulatory Support Centre</li> <li>• NHS X Information Governance Portal</li> <li>• NIHR Research Design Service</li> <li>• MRC - UK data protection law and the common law duty of confidentiality</li> <li>• UHDA Resources</li> </ul>	

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