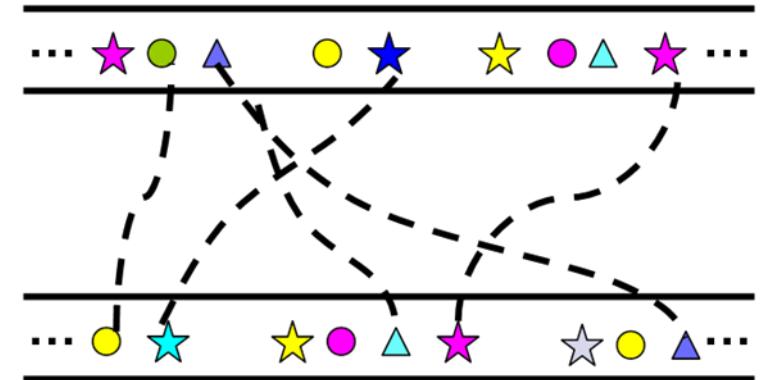


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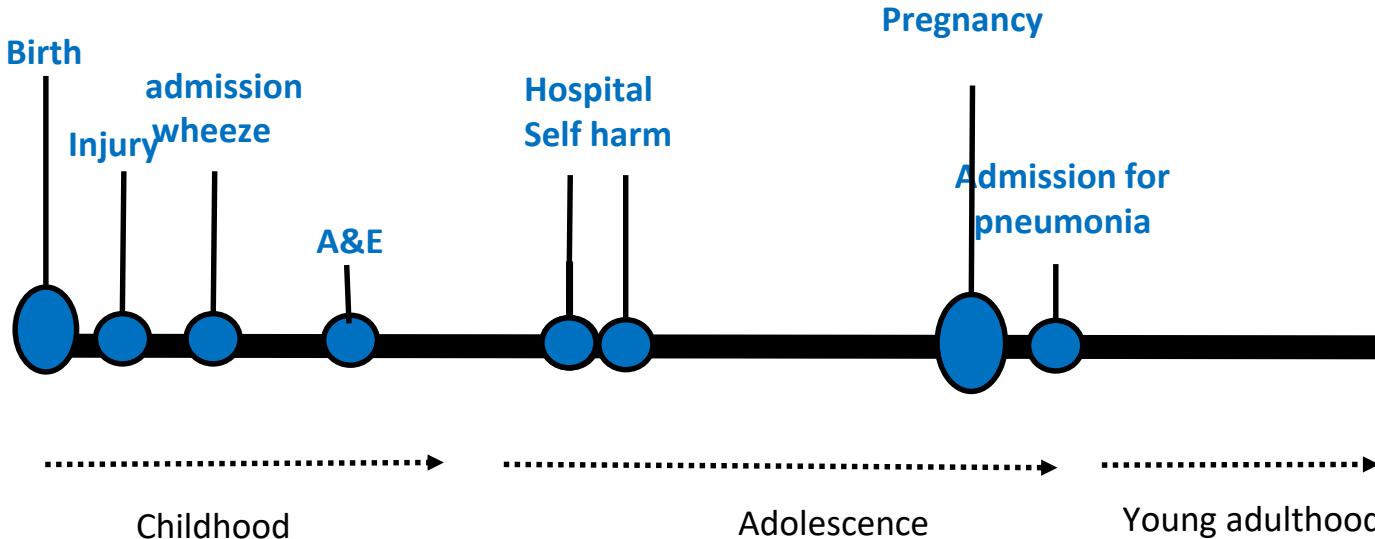
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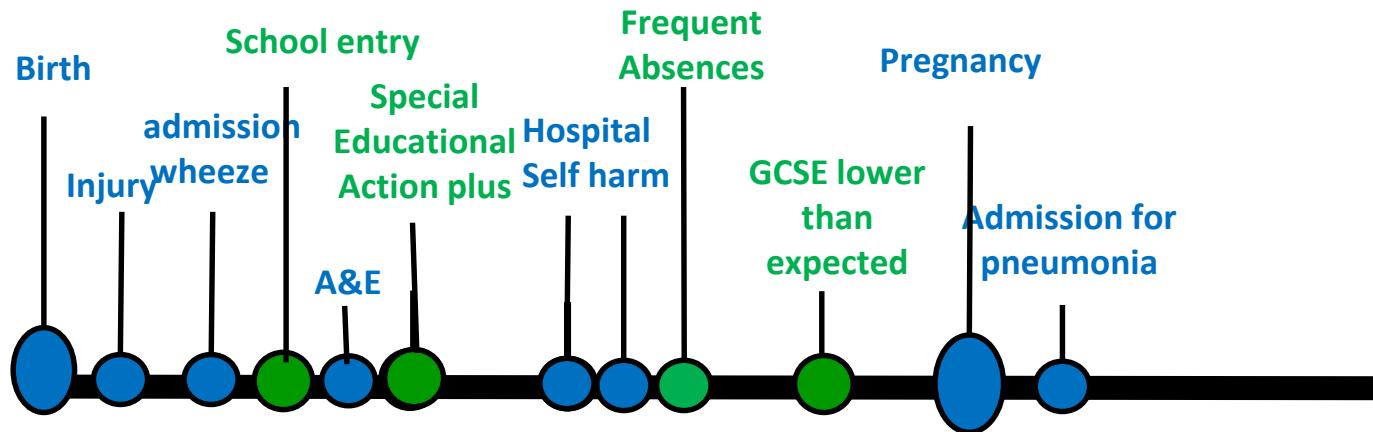
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## HES data



+ NPD data



# Hospital Episode Statistics



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Data Resource Profile

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## Data Resource Profile: Hospital Episode Statistics Admitted Patient Care (HES APC)

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## Understanding Hospital Episode Statistics (HES)

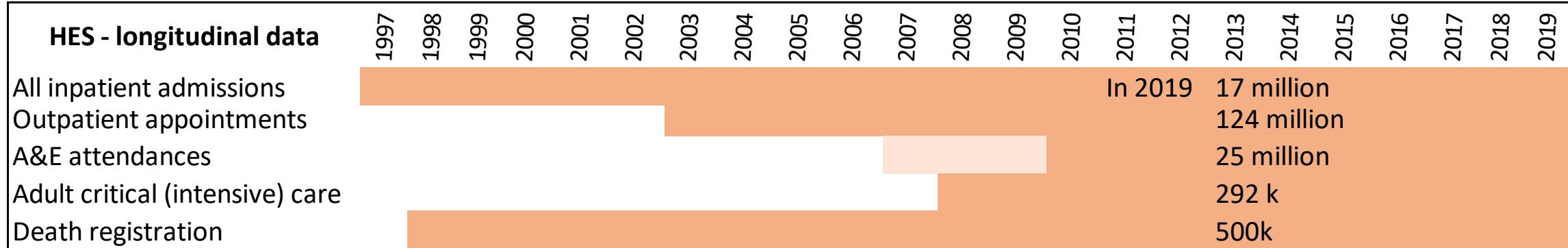
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# HES - advantages

- Complete coverage across NHS
  - Unselected population
  - Rare disease research
- Complete longitudinal follow up:
  - Whole nation cohort studies
- Standardised coding
  - Cross-country comparisons
- Reflects real-world care - good for:
  - Procedures (eg operations)
  - Diagnostic codes
  - Hospital, dates, specialty

# - disadvantages

- For administration, not research
- Coding variation x time/hospital
- linkage quality between longitudinal records not perfect
- NHS opt out ~ 2%
- Illness severity – difficult, no drug treatment
- Application process takes time

# Linkage of all children in England born 1984/5 or after and recorded in HES or NPD

## Linkage:

### i) NPD identifiers to Personal Demographic Service

- First name(s)
- Surname(s)
- Gender
- Date of birth
- Postcode history

### ii) PDS to HES

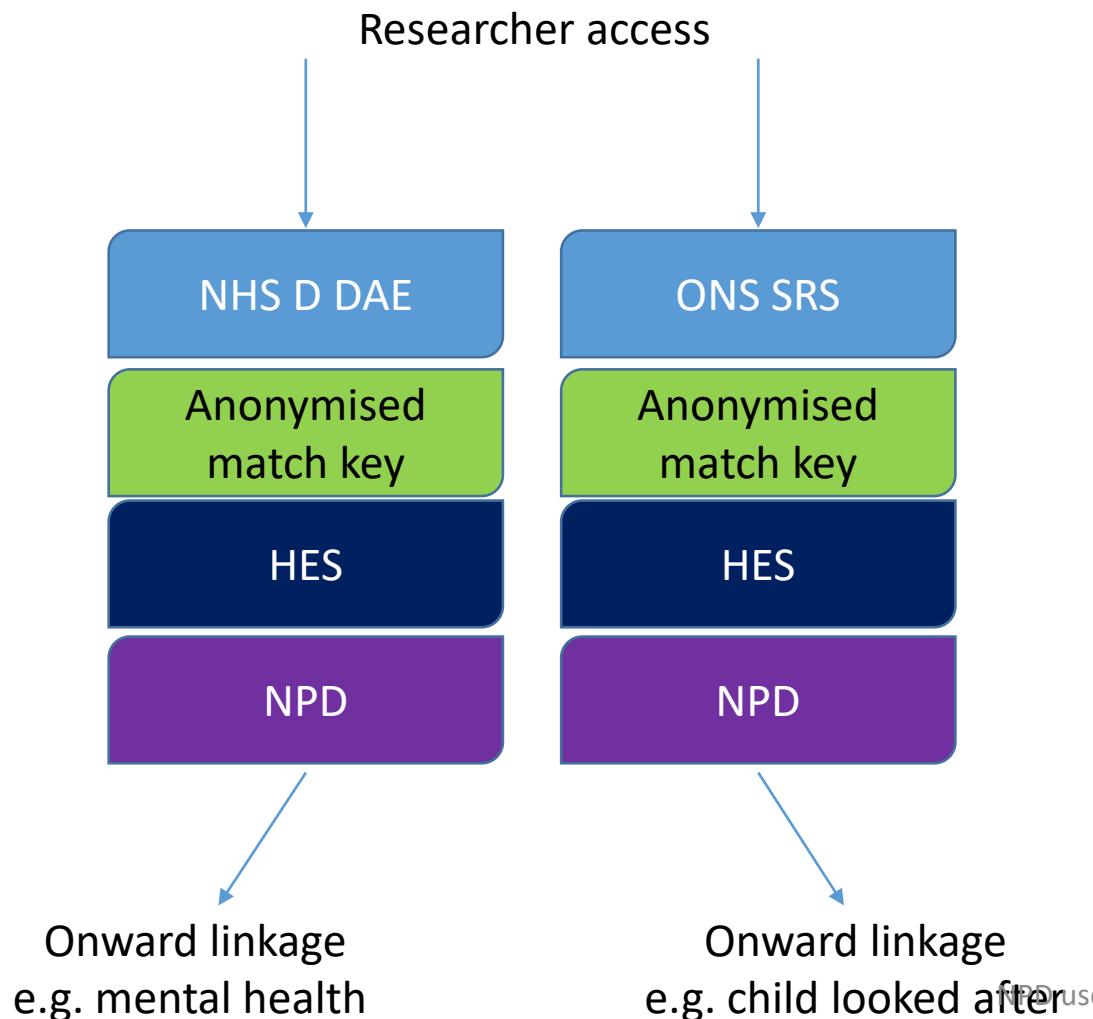
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## Done by NHS Digital

- Multi-step deterministic algorithm
- Using all years in NPD and PDS

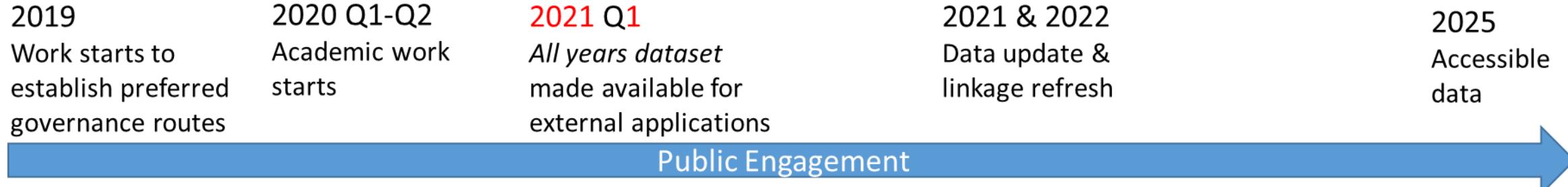
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	Youngest (1997)	Oldest (2019)	Reception (age 5)	KS1 (age 7)	KS2 (age 11)	KS4 (age 16)	KS5 (age 18)
1985	12	34	1990	1992	1996	2001	2003
1986	11	33	1991	1993	1997	2002	2004
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1991	6	28	1996	1998	2002	2007	2009
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2013	Birth	6	2018				
2014	Birth	5	2019				

# Access for researchers to the All Years Dataset - NPD – HES



- Use of data compliant with legal basis:
  - NPD – for promotion of education or wellbeing
  - HES – for provision of healthcare
- Streamlined approvals: NHSD & DfE
- Free-of charge access for 30 applications
- Data update twice, and held until at least 2025
- Further linkages possible using anonymised match keys

# Key milestones



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