Research with administrative data
The process at UBDC

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Why use administrative data?

• Cheap compared to surveys
  – But not free – time investment by researcher
• Scale - often cover close to 100% of target population
  – Scope to look at rare events, small sub-groups, geographic variations
• Tool for policy analysis
  – Track individuals across multiple domains and over time
• Powerful in combination with other data e.g. surveys

Controlled Data Service

• **Aim**: facilitate access to administrative and other types of personal data

• Advice on:
  – Applications to data controllers
  – Relevant documentation
• Safe Haven
• Data linkage
How to get started...

- Urban focus
- UK based
- Feasibility
- Data availability

Developing the project

- Project proposal form:
  - Research question
  - Scientific and public impact
  - Data and methods
  - Researchers
- Informal talks with data controllers
Project approval

- Research Approvals Committee (RAC)
- UBDC appraisal report
- Ethics approval

Formal agreements

- Applications and legal agreements with data controllers
- Approved researcher training
- User agreements
Research

- Access to Safe Haven
- Research activities monitored
- Output cleared before release
- Reporting on work and publications

Call for expressions of interest live

- March 31, 2017 submit EoI
- May 31, 2017 full proposal deadline
- Mid July 2017 final decisions

Questions…

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