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**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



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## 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

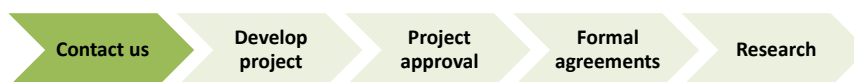


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## How to get started...



- Urban focus
- UK based
- Feasibility
- Data availability



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## Developing the project



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



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## Project approval



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



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## Formal agreements



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



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# Research



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



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## 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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