

SPBPP Approved projects

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Covid-19 Urgent Data Access Requests

Title of request	Decision	Justification	Date of Decision
Investigating Socioeconomic, Household and Environmental Risk Factors for COVID-19 in Scotland	Approved	To identify the main socioeconomic, household and environmental risk factor for COVID-19 for the general population in Scotland as well as subgroups, including vulnerable groups, such as those advised to shield due to underlying health conditions, those living in deprived conditions, the unemployed and those with caring responsibilities.	December 2020
EAVE II (Early Assessment of COVID-19 epidemiology and Vaccine/anti-viral Effectiveness)	Approved	To extend the EAVE II national, real-time, linked data platform to enable the epidemiology of SARS-CoV-2 infection by ethnicity to be determined, and to examine the mechanisms through which ethnic inequalities in COVID-19 arise.	November 2020
Health, death, and cancers in people with learning disabilities and people with autism - COMPLEX COVID AMENDMENT priority assessment	Approved	Amendment to existing research project to include Covid	September 2020
Parents Survey (Children aged 0-5 years) as part of the Evaluation of the Universal Health Visiting Survey	Approved	Survey investigating the Universal Health Visitor Pathway and the experiences of parents of young children during the Covid-19 outbreak.	May 2020

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Previous Approved Requests

2020

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University of Stirling- Dog Bites and Strikes	Approved	Data from the 2011 Census is required to research social and locality variations in dog bites and strikes in Scotland. This project will also use data from NHS Scotland and data detailing dog populations.	February 2020
University of Edinburgh – Mental Health Within the Family and Between Generations	Approved	Mental health within the family and between generations	February 2020
University of Edinburgh – Scottish Cervical Screening and Ethnicity (SCREEN)	Approved	Study investigating uptake of Cervical Screening among different ethnic groups in Scotland requires demographic details from Census 2011.	February 2020

2019

Title of request	Decision	Justification	Date of Decision
Regeneration, Health and Health Inequalities: A Longitudinal Data Linkage Study	Approved		December 2019
Realigning Children's Services	Approved		May 2019
Understanding the Lived Experience of Food Insecurity in Scotland	Approved		February 2019

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Development of Transport Model for Scotland 18	Approved		February 2019
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2018

Title of request	Decision	Justification	Date of Decision
University of Glasgow- Investigating the spatial distribution of Scottish households in the most severe financial need	Access Granted	Access to Scottish Welfare Fund data to map the spatial distribution of households in the most severe financial need, in order to inform local and national policymakers concerned with addressing severe deprivation.	October 2018
Mental Ill-Health of Father Carers of Children with Intellectual Disabilities	Access Granted		August 2018
Jacobs Engineering - Inshes to Smithton link road in Inverness	Access Granted	Access to Scottish Household Survey data to build travel demand matrices to inform the stage 3 assessment of the Inshes to Smithton link road in Inverness.	April 2018
ScotCen- Marketing of Nicotine Vapour Products (NVPs)	Access Granted	Follow-up research with Scottish Household Survey participants to assess the impact of different approaches of NVP (e-Cigarette) products in Scotland and England.	February 2018

2017

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Predictors of mental ill health in mothers caring for a son or daughter with intellectual disabilities.	Access Granted		October 2017
Developing a national learning health system for asthma	Access Granted		October 2017

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National Records of Scotland - Census	Access Granted	Access to Scottish Household Survey data requested to help with development of Census.	September 2017
University of Glasgow and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Access Granted	Access to the linked dataset from homelessness and health project and justice data, to describe health outcomes among people with the overlapping combination of adverse social and health experiences known as severe and multiple disadvantage (SMD), in order to identify opportunities for prevention and mitigation and to inform service planning and delivery.	September 2017
Urban Studies, University of Glasgow	Access Granted	This project examines accessibility of local services and especially whether deprived areas are poorly served. It aims to determine if community social capital is related to improved services. Access requested of Scottish Household Survey data at data zone level.	March 2017
School of Management, Economics Division, University of Stirling	Access Granted	Access requested to anonymised Social Care data in order to forecast future costs of long-term care services associated with the ageing population, and to explain variation in utilisation and costs of care packages and Self-Directed Support for the Scottish population aged 50+ who received social care services between 2010 and 2016.	January 2017

2016

Title of request	Decision	Justification	Date of Decision
Fife Geodemographic	Access Granted	The Scottish Survey Core Questions dataset was requested in order to analyse the outcomes for different	August 2016

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Resource for Insight Development (GRID)		groups in Fife in relation to health, employment, etc, by looking at equality characteristics and outcomes.	
Local Level Household Income Estimates	Access Granted	Scottish Household Survey record level data (including Data Zone) is required to develop a model for household income by area, as well as establishing income distributions for household types and socio-economic groups. It was agreed that sufficient safeguards (including researcher accreditation, security environment) were in place to allow this data to be shared securely.	January 2016
Strathclyde Regional Transport Model	Access Granted	This request was for travel diary data from the Scottish Household Survey at the individual level. This data will be used by academics to develop a model. Subsequent updates of the model will be undertaken by SYSTRA Ltd; a UK company who regularly provide transport modelling and analysis for Transport Scotland and Scottish Government. It was agreed that the researchers must demonstrate a clear need for each of the demographic variables requested before access is granted, with data collapsed to the highest category level where appropriate, limiting any risk of identifying individuals. The data can then be shared as specified in the submitted application.	January 2016

2015

Title of request	Decision	Justification	Date of Decision
Impact of information on food waste in the dairy supply chain in Scotland.	Access Denied	The data was collected using the Statistics of Trade Act (1947) and as a consequence it is not possible to share the requested data for research and statistics purposes.	July 2015

2014

Title of request	Decision	Justification	Date of Decision
Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) Measurement Framework Analysis – based on secondary analysis of the Scottish Household Survey	Access Granted	This request was for survey data at the Scotland level only. It was therefore agreed that risks to privacy were limited; it would be difficult to identify an individual based on a set of characteristics from this data as only a sample of the Scottish population had completed the survey. Also the data will be collapsed to the highest category level for the ethnicity and religion variables, again limiting the risk of identifying any one individual.	15 December 2014