

Data Protection

Additional detail and FAQs

The London Sub-National Secure Data Environment (SDE) is composed of two platforms - the London Data Service (LDS) and the London Analytics Platform (LAP) - separating the data layer from the application layer; for the purposes of supporting direct care and secondary uses (both research and non-research).

The data protection documentation that supports the LDS and LAP has been approved by the Confidentiality Advisory Group (CAG) for the processing of joint data controller information for the purposes and in the manner that has been explicitly described in the documentation and only for those.

To reiterate both platforms are joint data controller platforms, and cross ICB projects (projects that involve two or more ICBs) need to be approved through the agreed processes, namely recommendation by the Independent Information Access Group (IIAG) and approved by the ICSs' Data Access Committees (DAC).

Data controllers publish data to the LDS, where the data is linked, curated and transformed before being made available for permitted subscription services.



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The LAP is the agreed platform for the use of the linked data for direct care and research purposes under the 'Part A' business case for the SDE.

Direct care projects approved by the DACs will receive personally identifiable data within the LAP.

Research projects approved by the DACs will receive pseudonymised data within the LAP where the National Data Opt Out (NDOO), the local data opt-out and the Type 1 GP opt-outs have been applied.

Non-research secondary use projects approved by the DACs will receive pseudonymised data within an appropriate and agreed secure data environment - for example, the LAP - where the National Data Opt Out (NDOO), the local data opt-out and the Type 1 GP opt-outs have been applied.

No other processing of the joint linked data in LDS has been agreed or approved; and will require further documentation and joint data controller approval.



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No other processing of the unlinked data published into LDS has been agreed or approved; and will require further documentation and data controller approval.

For more information, please click here for the Section 251 CAG FAQs.