



This guide summarises the data management and sharing requirements for research funded by the UK Department of Health. Please visit their website for further details.

<b>Resource types covered:</b>	All publicly funded research outputs
<b>Data Plan:</b>	No funder requirement for a Data Management Plan. LSHTM-led projects should produce a Data Management Plan or research protocol that addresses data-related issues for internal use.
<b>Data-related funds:</b>	Data-related fees will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
<b>Retention:</b>	Health records should be managed in accordance with UK legislation.
<b>Data standards:</b>	Open, well-documented standards and formats appropriate to the subject field should be used.
<b>Documentation:</b>	Subject-specific documentation should be produced that describes the content and context in which it was created.
<b>Data hosting:</b>	<p>Data management systems for confidential data must comply with ISO/IEC 27001:2005 and ISO/IEC 27002:2005. Data that identifies one or more people should be encrypted with a recommended minimum key length of 256 bits, e.g. AES256, Blowfish</p> <p>Open data should be made available through Data.gov or OpenlyLocal.</p>
<b>Sharing timescales:</b>	Data should be made available in a 'timely manner', subject to ethical, contractual, legislative and other requirements being addressed. Embargoes and waivers are made on a case-by-case basis.
<b>Rights:</b>	IPR will remain with the institution(s) performing the research. Open licences, such as Open Data Commons and Creative Commons, are encouraged when sharing anonymised data.
<b>Monitoring:</b>	Institutional audit.

## References:

- NHS Information Risk Management  
<https://digital.nhs.uk/information-governance>
- Department of Health: Data Protection Charter  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health/about/personal-information-charter>
- Caldicott Information Governance Review: To Share or Not To Share  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-information-governance-review>