

Data Linkage and Extract Service

Service Charges 2013/14

Introduction

The HSCIC is publicly funded and we therefore operate on a cost recovery basis. We do not charge for data itself but we do apply charges to cover the costs of processing and delivering our service. Where possible, HSCIC data is made available as [open data](#).

Product descriptions

The table below provides a brief description of the products we provide. Further details are available via our web page at www.hscic.gov.uk/dles

Product	Description
Tabulation	A statistical table of aggregate data.
Bespoke extract - pseudonymised	A one-off extract tailored to the customer's requirements of specified data fields containing no patient identifiable or sensitive data.
Bespoke extract - containing personal confidential data	A one-off extract tailored to the customer's requirements of specified data fields containing patient identifiable data, sensitive data items or both.
Standard extract	Cumulative data for the financial year to date, delivered on a monthly basis via a subscription service. Users sign up to receive a year's worth of data, delivered in monthly increments
Bespoke data linkage	A bespoke service linking one or more data sets held by the HSCIC to data supplied by the customer.
Patient status and/or tracking	Products designed to enable customers to receive one-off or on-going notifications of mortality and morbidity events affecting a specified patient cohort.
List cleaning	Validating demographic data to ensure it is accurate and improve linkage outcomes.

Charges

Charges vary according to the type of product and the data sets required as these factors determine the amount of effort and approvals required.

The table below provides indicative charges for the different elements of each product. Actual costs will be confirmed during the application process and formally agreed before processing work commences.

To discuss your requirements and gain advice on making an application, please contact the HSCIC contact centre, tel: 0845 300 6016 or email: enquiries@hscic.gov.uk.

Charges list

Product	Application and Set Up ¹		Annual Service Charge ²		Processing		Report	
Tabulation	£630		£0		Simple ³ [Complexity]	£198	£0	
					Medium ⁴	£318		
					Complex ⁵	£516		
Standard extract – no personal confidential data	No ONS data	£630	£0		Single data set	£9,565	£0	
	Including ONS data	£948			Per additional data set	£1,894		
	Including MHMDS data	£1130						
Standard extract – containing personal confidential data	No ONS data	£1,094	£0		Single data set	£10,453	£0	
	Including ONS data	£1,412			Per standard data set	£2,782		
	Including MHMDS data	£1594						
Bespoke extract – no personal confidential data	No ONS data	£630	No ONS data	£0	Per data set for 1 year ⁶	£262	£0	
	Including ONS data	£948	Including ONS data	£300	Per additional year (per data set)	£64		
					Premium for SUS-PBR data only	£250		
					Premium for MHMDS data only	£500		
Bespoke extract – containing personal confidential data	No ONS data	£1,094	£300		Per data set per year	£262	£0	
	Including ONS data	£1,412			Per additional year (per data set)	£64		
Bespoke data linkage	No ONS data	£832	£300		Standard automated linkage (per file) ⁷ . A bespoke extract processing fee may also apply.	£247	£0	
	Including ONS data	£1,150			Per data set for 1 year	£262		
					Per additional year (per data set)	£64		
List cleaning	No ONS data	£1,346	£0		Standard automated linkage (per file)	£247	£0	
	Including ONS data	£1,664			Manual match (per record)	£2.26		
Patient status	No ONS data	£1,346	No ONS data	£50	Standard automated linkage (per file)	£247	Cohort event notification report	£0
	Including ONS data	£1,664	Including ONS data	£100	Manual match (per record)	£2.26	Cause of death report	£45.45
					Ad hoc trace (per record)	£3.78		
Patient tracking	No ONS data	£1,346	£300		Standard automated linkage (per file)	£247	Cohort event notification report (per report)	£52.09
	Including ONS data	£1,664			Manual match (per record)	£2.26	Cause of death report (per report)	£45.45
					Ad hoc trace (per record)	£3.78		
Amendment to patient tracking requirements	£324		£0		£0		£0	

Notes:

1. These fees will be charged for all new requests requiring a Data Sharing Contract (DSC) or other formal agreement such as a Data Reuse Agreement (DRA). Amendments to existing orders or additional reports provided under existing contracts will not incur these charges a second time unless a new DSC/DRA is required as a consequence. If multiple products are being requested simultaneously (e.g. Patient Tracking with cohort linkage to other data sets such as HES, or Standard Extract with Bespoke Extracts to obtain backdated data from previous years), only one application and set up fee will be applied. In circumstances where a new DSC/DRA is not required, an amendment fee may be applied.
2. Where a fee is indicated, this is payable on an annual basis until the data supplied by the HSCIC (including all hard or soft copies of the same) has been destroyed and certified as such by returning a Certificate of Destruction to the HSCIC. This fee is to recover the administrative costs of maintaining approvals for the on-going provision of and/or the on-going reuse of data supplied by the HSCIC.
3. A request is classed as 'simple' if specification, production and checking are expected to take less than 5 hours.
4. A request is classed as 'medium' if specification, production and checking are expected to take less than 7 hours but more than 5.
5. A request is classed as 'complex' if specification, production and checking are expected to take less than 12 hours but more than 7.
6. Most data sets comprise of yearly sub-sets (normally April-March) and customers must specify the years they require. Processing charges are applied per data set and per year required from each data set. Typically the first year of each data set is charged at £262 and subsequent years are charged at a discounted rate. ONS mortality data is one of the exclusions as that data set is not separated into sub-sets by year.
7. This covers the cost of linkage to the HESID index to which other data sets are routinely linked.

Other fees that may be applied include:

Product	Cost	Explanation
ICD coding	£1.40 per case	For death records not coded to the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD) 10th revision, the HSCIC can facilitate the manual coding by ONS. The fee charged per record coded by ONS is recharged to the customer by the HSCIC.
Cross-border linkage (Scotland)	Fees charged by NHS Central Register Scotland will be recharged to the customer by the HSCIC.	For patient status and patient tracking, cross-border linkage enables seamless coverage of cohort members whether registered in England and Wales or Scotland.
DVD production and delivery	£300	Our standard practice is to dispatch data using a Secure Electronic File Transfer system. If there are legitimate reasons why data should be loaded onto a DVD, this fee will be charged covering the production process and secure delivery.
Postage costs	As per Royal Mail charges	Our standard practice is to dispatch data using a Secure Electronic File Transfer system. Should your request involve outputs being issued via post, we will recharge postage costs incurred.
Professional effort	Provided on request	The costs of ad hoc activities not covered in the product list above.

You will be notified in advance if any such fees apply to the product(s) you request.