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### Which linkage set should I use?

The availability of linked data by linkage set is summarised in the table below.

We supply the linked data for each approved protocol using only one linkage set, so you will need to request the source file and/or linkage set for the most recent linkage set which includes all required linkages. Alternatively, you can wait until all required linkages are available via set 21, or a later linkage set depending on the temporal coverage required.

If you are unsure about which linkage set and/or source file to use in your study, please contact us on [enquiries@cprd.com](mailto:enquiries@cprd.com).

| Dataset         | Coverage from | Set 18 (coverage to) | Set 19 (coverage to) | Set 20 (coverage to) | Set 21 (coverage to) |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Source file     | n/a           | √                    | √                    | √                    | √                    |
| ONS Death       | 02/01/1998    | √ (31/05/2019)       | √ (20/04/2020)       | √ (22/06/2020)       | √ (16/11/2020)       |
| HES APC         | 01/04/1997    | √ (30/06/2019)       | √ (31/03/2020)       | √ (31/05/2020)       | √ (31/10/2020)       |
| Small area data | n/a           | √                    | √                    | √                    | √                    |
| HES OP          | 01/04/2003    | √ (30/06/2019)       | X                    | X                    | √ (31/10/2020)       |
| HES A&E*        | 01/04/2007    | √ (30/06/2019)       | √ (31/03/2020)       | X                    | √ (31/03/2020)       |
| HES DID         | 01/04/2012    | √ (30/06/2019)       | X                    | X                    | √ (31/10/2020)       |
| MHDS            | 01/04/2007    | √ (30/11/2015)       | X                    | X                    | X                    |
| NCRAS           | 01/01/1990    | √ (31/12/2016)       | √ (31/12/2018)       | X                    | √ (31/12/2018)       |
| NCRAS SACT      | 01/01/2014    | √ (30/09/2017)       | √ (31/12/2018)       | X                    | √ (31/12/2018)       |
| NCRAS RTDS      | 01/04/2012    | √ (30/09/2017)       | √ (31/12/2018)       | X                    | √ (31/12/2018)       |
| CHESS           |               | X                    | X                    | √ (31/07/2020)       | √ (29/09/2020)       |
| SGSS            | 01/03/2020    | X                    | X                    | √ (31/07/2020)       | √ (29/09/2020)       |
| ICNARC          | -             | X                    | X                    | X                    | X                    |

\* Note, HES A&E has been replaced with ECDS as of April 2020; while HES A&E data for new patients will be added to subsequent sets, this dataset will have no additional temporal coverage.