

Harmonisation of electronic birth cohort datasets

Born in: South London, Bradford, Scotland, Wales

Context

- Each of the UK nations has numerous electronic birth cohort datasets that contain routinely collected administrative data and linkable datasets.
- These contain significant data about maternal, infant and child health that are valuable to evaluate health outcomes for mother and baby.
- The lack of harmonised data between cohorts is a hindrance to analyses of which policies, or components of each policy, have the optimal impact on healthcare outcomes.
- A clear understanding of the metadata/data dictionaries for each birth cohort will enable comparisons between policies and to inform changes to policy for optimal impact.

This project will map and harmonise 4 electronic birth cohorts across the UK nations: Born in Wales (BiW), Born in Scotland (BiS), Early Life Cross-Linkage in Research (eLIXIR - Born in South London), and Born in Bradford (BiB4All).

Key activities

- The team will collate all metadata and data dictionaries from each of the cohorts, to map their similarities and differences.
- The project will compile harmonised datasets for each of the birth cohorts; ensuring they are structured in a comparable manner.
- The work will examine outcomes that can be measured across cohorts and evaluate differences.
- The team will perform discontinuity analyses of early pregnancy grants policies within each cohort and compare between each cohort.

Planned outcomes

- Harmonised datasets, linked local datasets and intervention information.
- A summary of comparable child and maternal outcomes across the birth cohorts.
- Discontinuity analysis of early pregnancy grant policies.



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