Researcher Access Service: Enquiry Form
(read-only)

- This document provides a read-only view of the enquiry form at https://rds-ras.researchdata.scot/enquiry-form
- It is intended to provide information to researchers ahead of completing the form to allow them to prepare their answers
- This document was last updated on 20 January 2026

Your details

Field name	Field requirements, help text
First name	Mandatory field, text entry. eDRIS will use this to correspond with you
Last name	Mandatory field, text entry. eDRIS will use this to correspond with you
What is your email address?	Mandatory field, text entry. This should be your institutional email address. eDRIS will use this to correspond with you. Please be aware that if you provide a personal (non-institutional) email address you will be required to submit a new enquiry using your institutional email.
Choose the category that best describes your organisation	Mandatory field, select one from the following options: ○ Academic Institution ○ Charity ○ NHS ○ Private Sector Organisation ○ Public sector body ○ Other
Please select your organisation	Mandatory field, select organisation name from the dropdown or select *Other* and add your organisation name

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Project overview

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What is your project title?	Mandatory field, text entry, maximum 255 characters
Describe your project	Mandatory field, text entry, maximum 750 characters Describe your aims, outcomes and research questions. If the project is multi-national, please outline the relevance to Scotland. Where possible, please write in layperson's terms, avoiding subject-specific technical terms that the eDRIS team might not be familiar with.

Select datasets

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Study population **How do you define your study population?**	Mandatory field, text entry, maximum 750 characters Describe your population of interest, selecting from the available datasets if known.
Please select the datasets you require to build your population of interest (cohort):	Mandatory field. Select multiple datasets as required: • Scottish Morbidity Records (SMR) 00 – Outpatients • Scottish Morbidity Records (SMR) 01 – Inpatients • Scottish Morbidity Records (SMR) 02 – Maternity • Scottish Morbidity Records (SMR) 04 – Mental Health Inpatients • Prescribing • Scottish Morbidity Records (SMR) 06 – Cancer Registry • Accident and Emergency (A&E) • National Records of Scotland (NRS) – Deaths • National Records of Scotland (NRS) – Births Your answers will help us advise you on project feasibility and cost.
Other datasets	Optional field, text entry, maximum 255 characters. We are continually adding new datasets to our service. Please tell us if there is a specific dataset you require access to in addition to those listed above.

Linked Data	Mandatory field. Select multiple datasets as required: • Scottish Morbidity Records (SMR) 00 – Outpatients • Scottish Morbidity Records (SMR) 01 – Inpatients • Scottish Morbidity Records (SMR) 02 – Maternity • Scottish Morbidity Records (SMR) 04 – Mental Health Inpatients • Prescribing • Scottish Morbidity Records (SMR) 06 – Cancer Registry • Accident and Emergency (A&E) • National Records of Scotland (NRS) – Deaths • National Records of Scotland (NRS) – Births Your answers will help us advise you on project feasibility and cost.
Control group **Does your proposal include a control group?**	Mandatory field. Answers: Yes, no, I'm not sure. If yes, do you require support to create the control group? Answers: Yes, no, I'm not sure.

Data access

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Do you require access to the National Safe Haven to conduct your analysis?	Mandatory field. Answers: Yes, no, I'm not sure. Most studies will require data access through an accredited safe haven. If you don't think this is the case for you, please answer 'No' and provide your reasoning. **If your answer is Yes, please tell us:** • How many researchers will require Safe Haven access? (Please input in whole number of researchers, ie. 1, 5, 10) • For how long will you require Safe Haven access? (This refers to analysis time in the National Safe Haven only and does not include archive time after the analysis is completed. Please indicate number of years from 1-5) **If your answer is No or I'm not sure, please tell us:**

	• Why you will not require access to the National Safe Haven.
AI/Machine learning **Will your project involve the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) or Machine Learning (ML) within the National Safe Haven?**	Guidance note: We want to make it easy for you to get the right support for projects that use AI or Machine Learning. By identifying these projects early, we can connect you with the team members who have the most relevant expertise. Mandatory field. Answers: Yes or no
Software available in the National Safe Haven	Mandatory field. Answers: Yes, no, I'm not sure. The National Safe Haven (NSH) analytical environment runs on a Linux Operating System (OS) and offers the following analytical and office software packages: - Libre Office, - R/ R Studio Desktop, - STATA, - Python, - MATLAB (provided a researcher's institution has a license). Please confirm that the above options are suitable for your needs.

Funding

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Funding	• Researchers must have funding in place to receive research coordination support from eDRIS, the electronic Data Research and Innovation Service within Public Health Scotland. • The cost to use this service covers eDRIS Research Coordinator assistance through the data access process, including information governance support and data linkage services. • eDRIS operate a tiered pricing structure based on the type of organisation you are applying from (e.g academic institution, charity, public sector organisation, private sector organisation). Costs are

	also based on the complexity of the project and the amount of support required.
Do you have funding for your study?	Mandatory field. Answers: Yes, no, I'm not sure. • You may have secured funding already, be in the process of applying for funding, or seeking a cost estimate from us. • The eDRIS team will provide an estimate to cover data linkage and project support costs. Please be aware that you will need funding in place before you submit a full application. **If your answer is Yes, please tell us:** • The name of the lead funding organisation or body (select from list) • Is the project sponsored by a commercial organisation **If your answer is Yes or I'm not sure:** • Commercial involvement may have an impact on the cost and feasibility of your project. Please provide more details (Mandatory field, text entry, maximum 750 characters)

Declaration

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Please ensure you have read and understood our terms of use and privacy policy	Mandatory field. Tick box. I have read and accept the terms of use and privacy policy.

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