Panel session from the February 2024 Data Access and Discovery webinar: Data journeys from two health data research hubs.

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How do you standardise qualitative data? Pain and mental health data can be difficult to quantify at times.

[Answered by Ann John live during the webinar Q&A – DATAMIND]

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[Typed answer provided by Gordon Milligan during the webinar – Alleviate]

- It comes down to datasets speaking the same language, thus Alleviate are working towards a common data model. Though not perfect, it provides a good basis to standardise qualitative and quantitative data where possible. It also helps us think about how we can improve and standardise data collection, develop better data classifications and sense of the content.

Love the idea of super-cohorts for greater statistical power for smaller groups. Do you work with clinicians and/or psychiatrists for greater visibility of less prevalent health conditions, e.g. intellectual disabilities?

[Answered by Ann John live during the webinar Q&A]

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What do you see as the biggest challenge in health data research right now?

[Answered by Chris Cole, Ann John and David Seymour live during the webinar Q&A]

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Are there challenges in mapping data at a systematic level? For example, being able to follow a patient from primary care to acute services and secondary outpatient services.

[Typed answer provided by David Seymour during the webinar – HDR UK]

- Yes, but it is incredibly powerful when we can! Challenges include access to primary care data as indicated but also a lack of clinical coding in secondary care outpatient settings.

What are the panel's thoughts on challenges and/or considerations around collecting and managing different types of data between different mental health population groups categorised by age. For example, older-age psychiatry, children and adolescent mental health services and adults mental health services?

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