



DATA LINKAGE SYMPOSIUM 2023

Translating data into action

How to request linked data and linkage services

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DLQ@health.qld.gov.au



Contact Client Services if you have questions about . . .

- Linked data
- Data availability
- Feasibility of your planned linkage
- Governance processes
- A draft consent form



To request linked data

- Email your request and questions to DLQ@health.qld.gov.au
- More information is available on our website – [How to access data from the Statistical Services Branch | Queensland Health](#)



Linkage services are available for:

- Queensland Health staff
- Approved research projects.
- Queensland Health internal and external datasets
- Projects that involve the linkage of Commonwealth data.

More information:

- [Data collections available for linkage | Queensland Health](#)
- [Queensland Data Linkage Framework](#)



What data are available?

The Statistical Services Branch (SSB) is the custodian of the following **state-wide** data collections:

- [Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection \(QHAPDC\)](#)
- [Perinatal Data Collection \(PDC\)](#)
- [Queensland Health Non-Admitted Patient Data Collection \(QHNAPDC\)](#)
- [Deaths data - Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages data \(proxy Data Custodian\)](#)



Master Linkage File (MLF)

- We encourage clients to review the scope of the data available in the MLF.
- Generally, we will only link data within the time frame in the MLF.
- For example QHAPDC data is linked to the MLF from 1 January 2000.
- See our webpage for a complete list (<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/hsu/link/datasets>)



What about data outside of the MLF?

Data sets outside of the MLF can be linked:

- With the approval of the relevant data custodian
- If identifiers are available
- If identifiers can be provided to Data Linkage Queensland
- If the data is clean



Information to consider before contacting Clients Services

- What are the goals of my project?
- What is the scope of the data required?
- What is my project timeline?

- Contact Client Services early in your project.
- There are no silly questions.



What happens next?

After you have emailed DLQ, we will:

- Aim to answer your questions,
- Provide you with information about the approval process, where to find more information about data items,
- Ask questions about your scope, cohort of interest and data items you require,
- Discuss the feasibility of your planned data linkage.
- Advise you on the next step in the process.



Two most common questions

- How much will this cost?
- How long will this take?
- See [How long will this research request take? | Queensland Health](#)



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Questions?



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Thank you



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