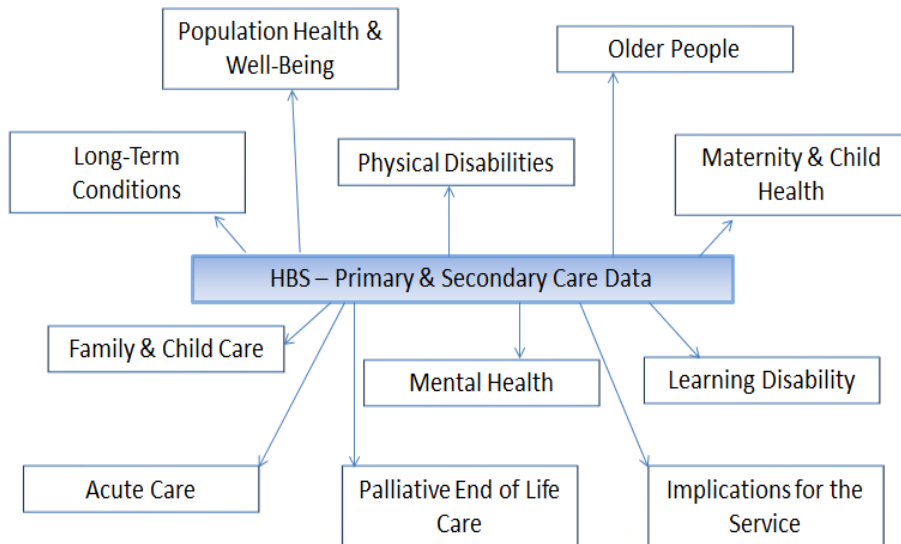
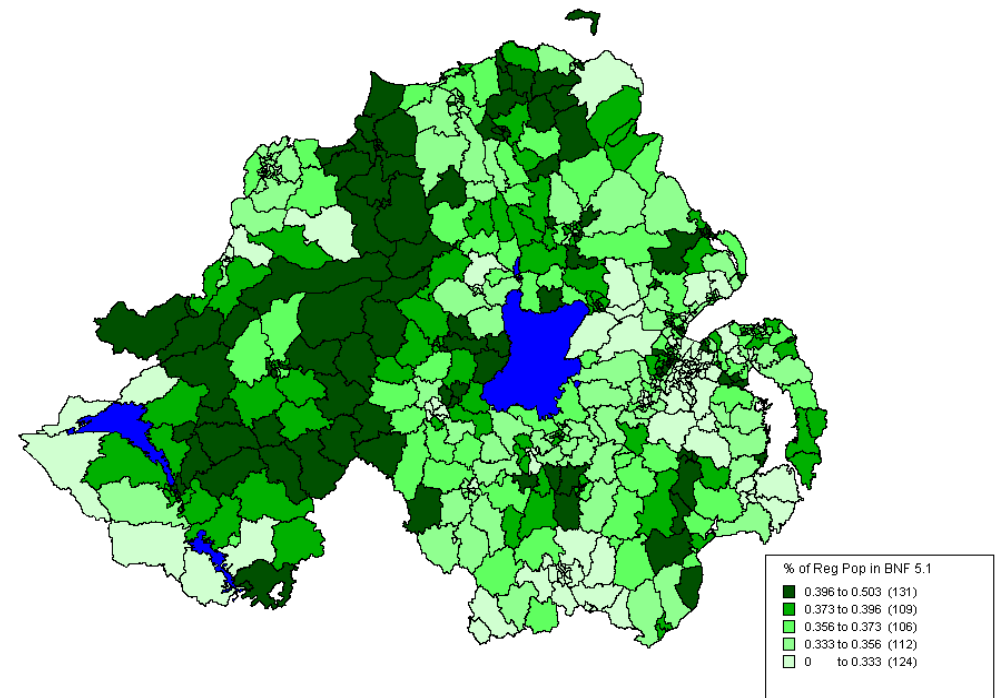


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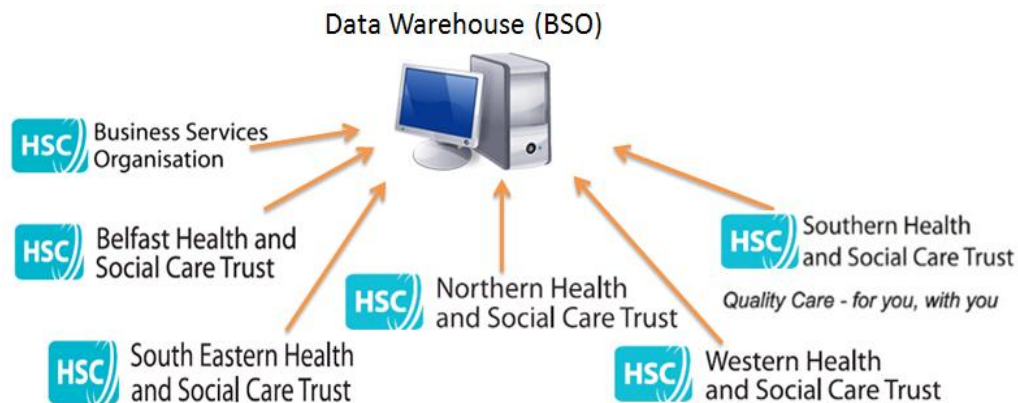
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Using Information to inform the Planning, Commissioning
and Delivery of Health and Social Care.

What is the Honest Broker Service (HBS)?

- All HSC organisations and DHSSPS have signed up to a Memorandum of Understanding for HBS.
- The HBS will enable the provision of anonymised, aggregated and in some cases pseudonymised health and social care data from Data Warehouses (held within the Business Services Organisation) to the DHSSPS and HSC organisations.
- HBS will also provide a service to researchers carrying out ethically approved health and social care related research. The HBS would enable the safe and secure provision of access to anonymised data (a safe haven).

Purpose of the HBS



The HBS would ensure that this Data is shared internally, within the HSC and with the DHSSPS without the administrative burden of Data Access Agreements. Currently the information is not routinely shared across Trusts.

Aims of HBS

- To ensure good Information Governance and provide data in line with Data Protection, Confidentiality Requirements and the Information Commissioners Office Codes of Practice. The Honest Broker Governance Board will oversee ethically approved research applications.
- To enable anonymised data to be shared within HSC to maximise the uses and health service benefits which can be gained from it including informing planning, commissioning of services and public health monitoring.

Benefits of the HBS

The Honest Broker Service will, subject to approval, enable;

- Data from different HSC Trusts to be joined together to gain a fuller understanding of the health of the population they serve.
- HSC Trust data to be linked to some centrally held primary care data or other appropriate sources.
- HSC to carry out Service Evaluation and Clinical Audit of services.
- Honest Broker Advice Service will assist with projects, offering advice and support to service users.
- Secure processes for the anonymisation of data prior to data sharing for the HSC and the DHSSPS.
- Create efficiencies and ensure full benefits of data sharing for the benefit of public health and well-being.
- Make data available in a secure environment for ethically approved research (safe haven).