



Secure Anonymised Information Linkage (SAIL)

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1. Background

Funded by Health and Care Research Wales, SAIL is based within the Medical School, Swansea University. SAIL's work is supported by active partnerships with NHS and Welsh Government information agencies. SAIL applies its expertise to a wide variety of research, designed to improve health and healthcare, working with research groups from across Wales and the UK.

SAIL anticipates that data generated by its work will be used by others, and that this will be through collaboration with researchers and service staff. To help us track the outputs and impact of research carried out using SAIL Databank data, SAIL's contribution must be acknowledged in all publications.

2. Purpose and scope

This policy applies to all published research outputs created by researchers using data held in the SAIL Databank. It addresses all research outputs which have already been generated and are intended for publication or other form of dissemination.

3. Researchers' obligations

As part of their permissions of use authors who use data from the SAIL Databank in any presentations, reports or other publications must acknowledge SAIL using the following wording *"This study makes use of anonymised data held in the Secure Anonymised Information Linkage (SAIL) Databank. We would like to acknowledge all the data providers who make anonymised data available for research."* and should cite the relevant primary SAIL publications:

Jones KH, Ford DV, Jones C, Dsilva R, Thompson S, Brooks CJ, Heaven ML, Thayer DS, McNerney CL, Lyons RA. A case study of the Secure Anonymous Information Linkage (SAIL) Gateway: a privacy protecting remote access system for health related research and evaluation. *Journal of Biomedical Informatics: special issue on medical data privacy* 2014.

Ford DV, Jones KH, Verplancke JP, Lyons RA, John G, Brown G, Brooks CJ, Thompson S, Bodger O, Couch T, Leake K. The SAIL Databank: building a national architecture for e-health research and evaluation. *BMC Health Services Research* 2009;9:157
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/9/157>

Lyons RA, Jones KH, John G, Brooks CJ, Verplancke JP, Ford DV, Brown G, Leake K. The SAIL databank: linking multiple health and social care datasets. *BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making* 2009; 9:3. <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6947/9/3>

Rodgers, S.E., Demmler J., Dsilva R., Lyons R. *Health and Place*. 28 Sept 2011, Protecting health data privacy while using residence-based environment and demographic data. *Health and Place* doi: 10.1016/j.healthplace.2011.09.006
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21996431>

Rodgers SE, Lyons RA, Dsilva R, Jones KH, Brooks CJ, Ford DV, John G, Verplancke JP. Residential Anonymous Linking Fields (RALFs): a novel information infrastructure to study the interaction between the environment and individuals' health. *Journal of Public Health (Oxf)*. Dec 31 (4): 582-588, 2009.

Unless SAIL has participated in the preparation of the finished publication, it must be stated that the responsibility for the interpretation of the information we supplied is the authors' alone. SAIL staff involvement which meet international guidelines for authorship must be suitably included in outputs.

Users should note that SAIL bears no responsibility for the further analysis or interpretation of these data, over and above that published by SAIL.

4. Submission

Copies of publications (abstracts, papers and posters etc) using data from SAIL must be sent to SAIL on acceptance for publication. Publications should be submitted to SAILDatabank@swansea.ac.uk

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