

“Building the Future of UK Health Data: A Blueprint for the Health Data Research Service”

FITFILE is delighted to see today’s publication of “[Building the Future of UK Health Data: A Blueprint for the Health Data Research Service](#)” by The Institute of Global Health Innovation (IGHI) at Imperial College London.

This important paper discusses how the keenly anticipated Health Data Research Service (HDRS) has enormous potential to improve patient care, medical research, life sciences innovation, inward investment and global collaborations – and how it can best tackle the many challenges it will doubtless face.

FITFILE is proud to have helped facilitate this independent thought piece.

This support reflects FITFILE’s commitment to enabling safe, reliable and scalable access to the right health and activity data to improve patient care and research across the UK and beyond.

The UK health data landscape is maturing, and national initiatives are expanding access to secure analytical environments. The HDRS must therefore create value for patients, clinicians, taxpayers and the economy. Failure to do so will erode public support.

In this paper authored by Dr Saira Ghafur, Lord James O’Shaughnessy and Lord Ara Darzi, perspectives drawn from stakeholders across healthcare, research, policy, industry and public engagement are drawn together into key objectives and challenges.

The paper concludes with a roadmap of recommendations around the implementation of the HDRS in stages. First, setting up governance and infrastructure in 2026/27. Then, integrating with Genomics England and discovery projects by 2028, with high levels of cost recovery by 2031.

“This goes far beyond just another restructure – it’s about building the right long-term infrastructure to unlock the tremendous potential of UK health data and help many millions of citizens enjoy better health,” said Philip Russmeyer, Founder and CEO at FITFILE. “We’re proud to have supported this white paper, discussing the future of the UK health data landscape, the challenges to be overcome and successes to be accomplished.”

Key themes include public trust and engagement, service design and user needs, technical architecture, primary care data, legal and risk frameworks and value generation.

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