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The Health Data Research Hubs Playbook

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Health Data Research Hubs are an important and growing part of the UK's health data research landscape, and much has been achieved in a short time. We know there is huge interest in Health Data Research Hubs, because we have conversations about new areas of opportunity every day with members of the research community, research funders, data custodians and other interested parties. What that has taught us is that there is a broad community of people and organisations who need a straightforward way to understand the Health Data Research Hub model, and all the things that need to happen if a new Hub is needed.

So this playbook has been created to provide an end to end overview of what Health Data Research Hubs are, and what is involved in establishing one. It draws on the experience of HDRUK staff and many of the people involved in establishing successful Hubs. It's purpose is to speed up Hub development, by making it easier for interested parties to understand whether they have a role to play in the development of a new Hub and how to play that role.

The playbook is divided into sections addressing the key elements of developing a new Hub. Throughout the playbook you will find guidance on requirements and processes, practical tools and resources to help you and reflections from existing hubs. This playbook has been developed for you, so we want to hear what works, and what could be improved. Please tell us what you think.

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