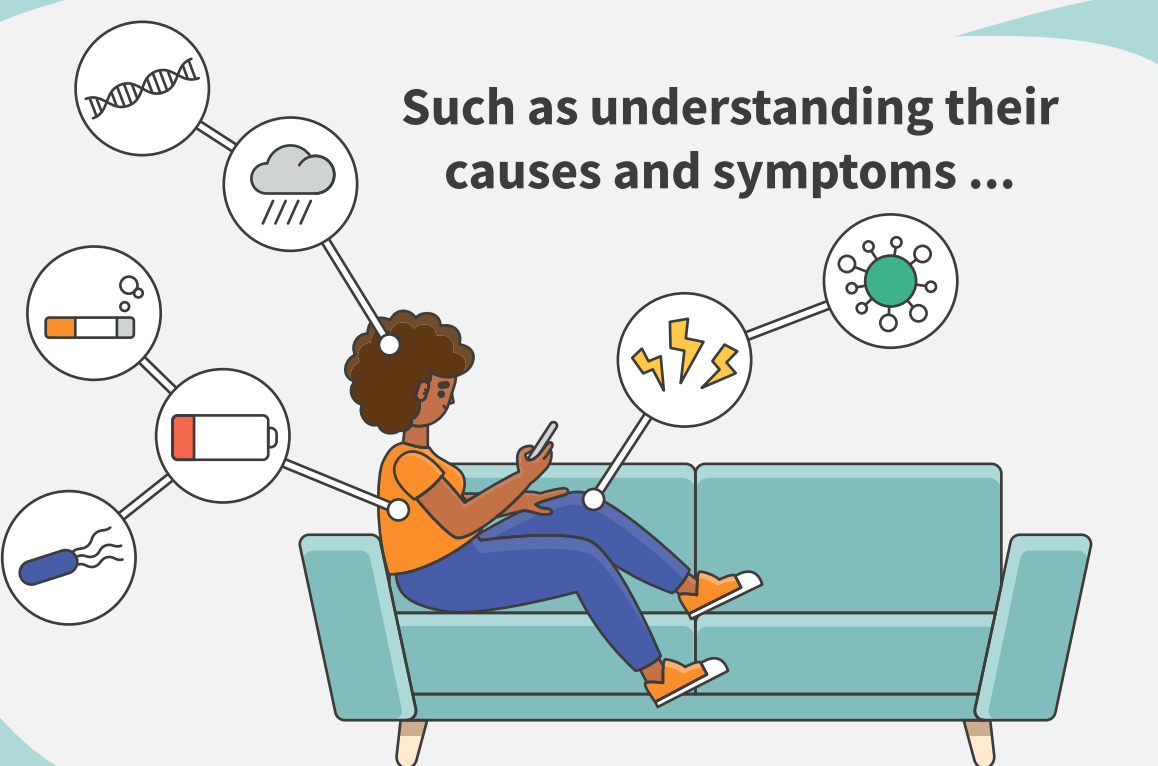


Health data and mental health research

Using health data for research helps us better understand diseases and health conditions



Such as understanding their causes and symptoms ...



...or knowing how many people are affected

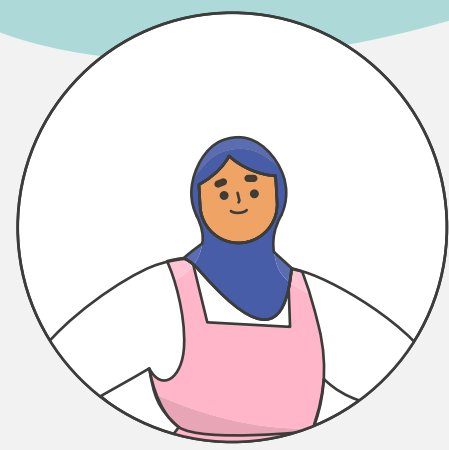
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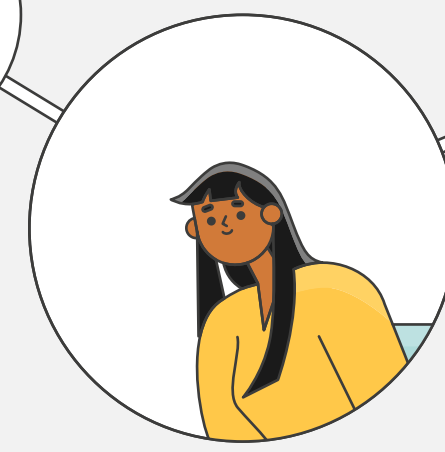
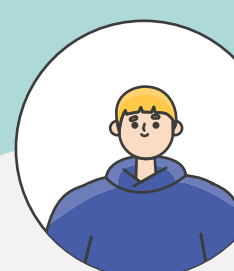
What do people think about data for mental health?

We surveyed

124
people



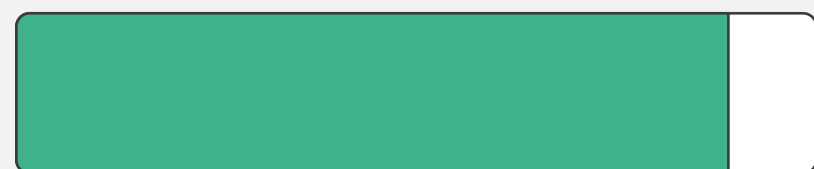
who have experienced a mental health condition themselves



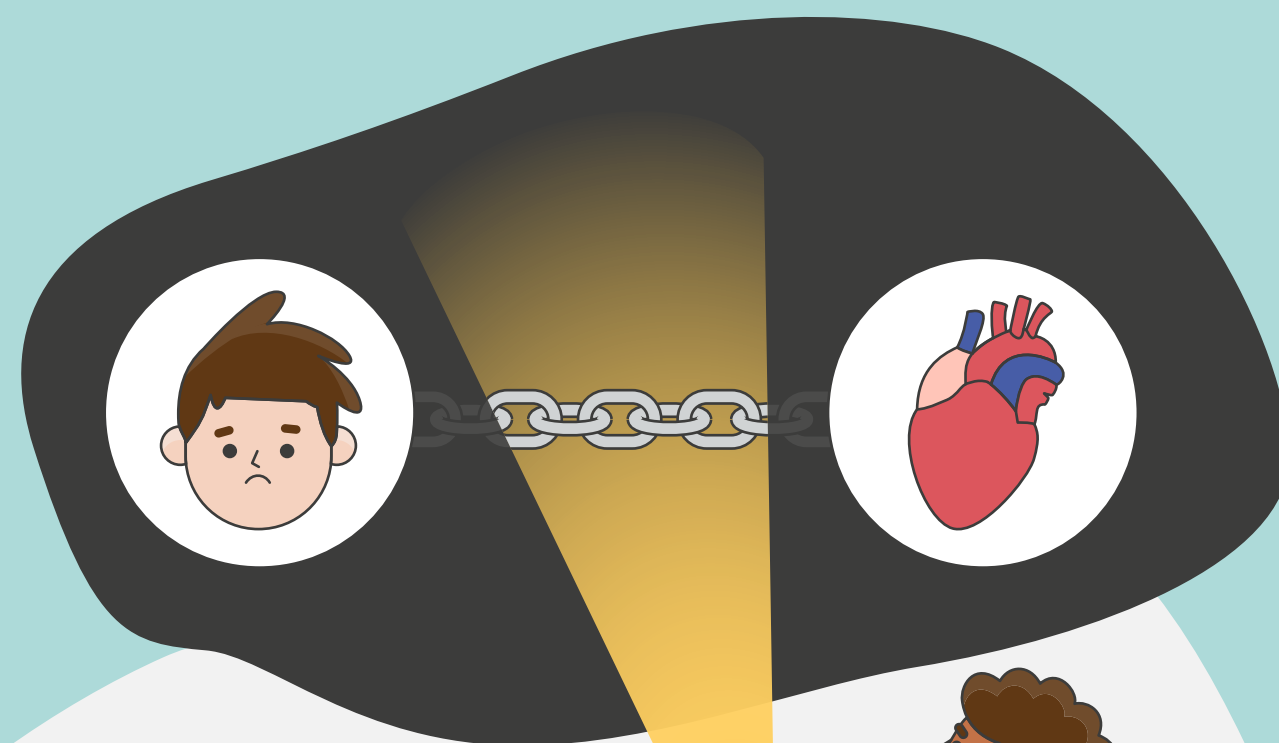
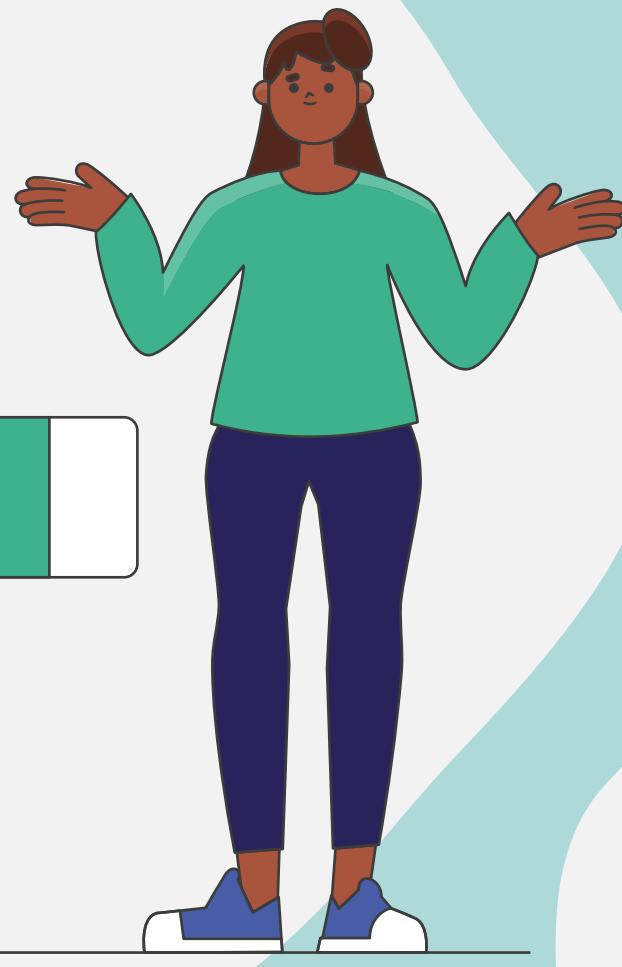
or have a close friend or family member who does

The results

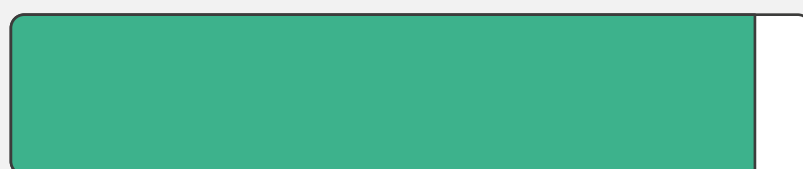
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Were unaware of any mental health research using health data



93%



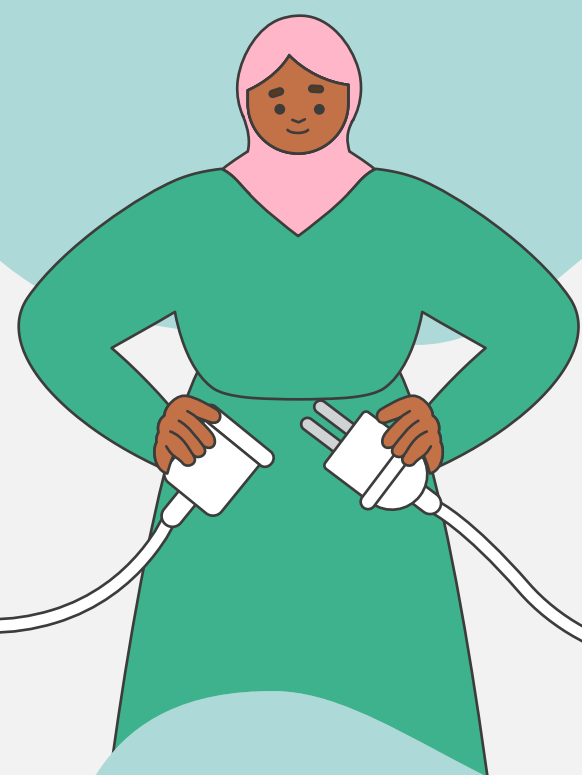
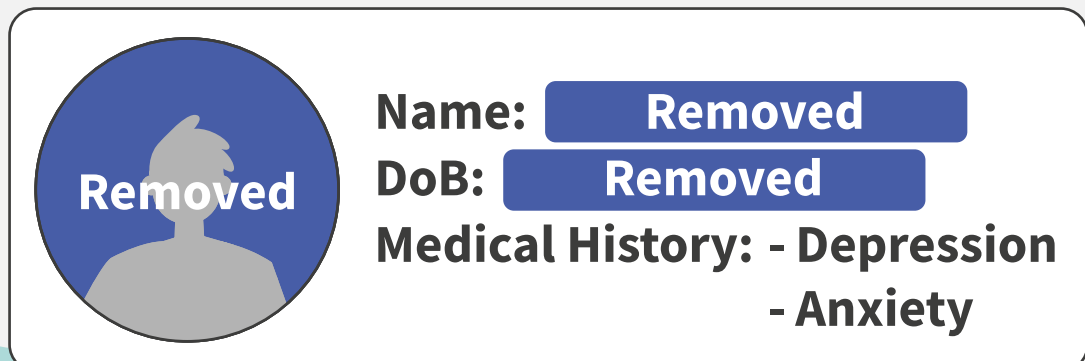
Want to see more research into how mental and physical health are linked



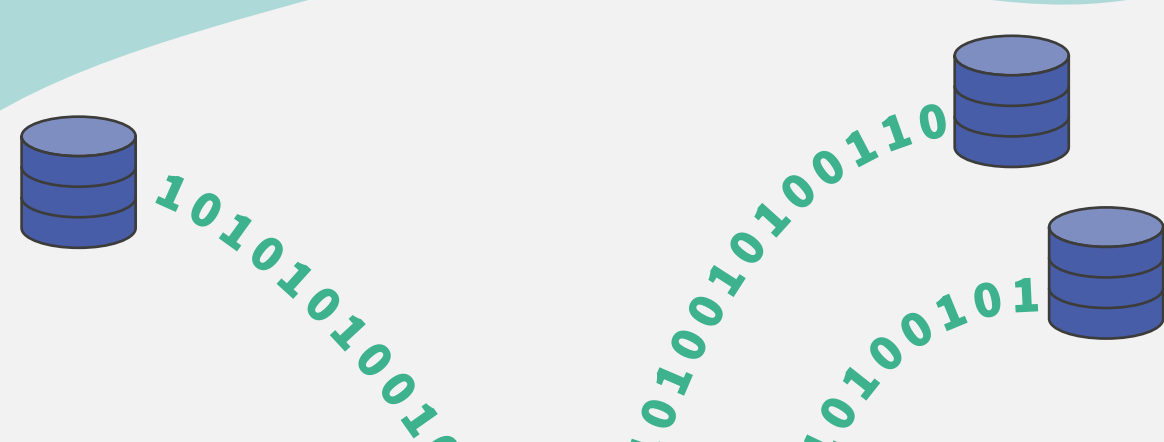
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Said they would support de-identified data being linked to non-health data if it meant improved outcomes for people with mental health conditions



What are researchers doing?

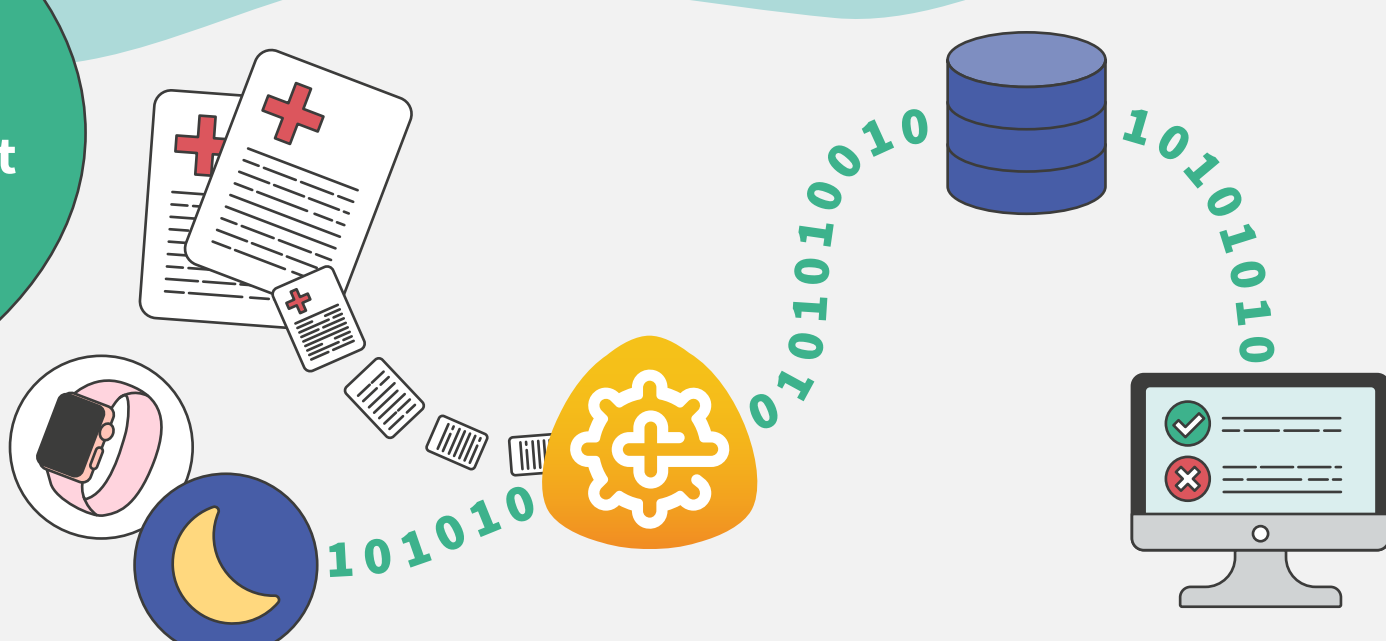


Dr Rona Strawbridge is exploring the genetic links between physical and mental health conditions by using large datasets.

"My research suggests that there is a genetic overlap of serious mental illness and cardiometabolic disease."



"Using CogStack and other informatics tools, we have developed the VIEWER platform to help healthcare professionals target services for psychosis in the right place and to the right people."



Prof Richard Dobson's group has developed CogStack, a tool that can extract information from doctors' free text notes so that it can be understood by computers to provide insights.