

Exploiting Existing Data for Health Research

International Conference, 17-19 September 2009

Training Workshop, 12-16 September 2009

University of St Andrews

Two events hosted at the University of St Andrews, funded by the Wellcome Trust. The 3-day international conference (17th to 19th September 2009) was the second in the series, following a highly successful meeting in 2007. This conference included papers relating to five themes:

1. The value of record linkage in health research
2. Record linkage for health care improvement
3. Longitudinal record linkage
4. The methodological challenges of record linkage
5. Confidentiality, disclosure and ethical issues

The 5-day training workshop which preceded the conference (12th to 16th September 2009) also included five themes:

1. Using linkable registry data in health services research
2. Measuring health services utilisation
3. Characterising clinical populations using linkable registry data
4. Evaluating health services outcome
5. Theory and practice of risk adjustment in health services research