

## Scottish Longitudinal Study (SLS) Privacy Notice

### 1. What is the SLS?

The Scottish Longitudinal Study (SLS) is a large set of information about some individuals over time which allows researchers to explore questions relating to Scottish people.

The SLS includes information about 5% of the Scottish population. SLS members are people who have a birthday on one of the 20 dates of birth which were used to create the SLS. The dates are secret so very few people know who is included.

If you lived in the same household as an SLS member on a Census date your information will also be included in the SLS. The SLS is updated with new SLS members who are added if they have a birthday on one of those 20 dates and are born in, or move to, Scotland.

The SLS contains pseudonymised information from the Scottish Censuses (1991, 2001 and 2011) which has been linked to administrative data from other existing sources such as births, deaths and marriages, and health and education records. Names are removed but there is enough detail to identify individuals. This means that this is personal data. A full list of categories of data is given below.

We keep the SLS very secure and only allow approved researchers to use it.

You cannot object to the processing of personal data in SLS or find out if you are included. We are allowed to do this because it is necessary for research in the public interest.

Data will be kept in the SLS indefinitely. We will only supply the minimum SLS data needed for each approved research project.

### 2. Why are we using the data?

The SLS is a valuable way for researchers to find out more about the people of Scotland and the things that affect our health, neighbourhoods and daily lives. By using a very large sample of people of all ages and from all communities, researchers can be more certain that the results they find will apply to everyone in Scotland. Information is linked across time which helps to show patterns, for example how moving to a large city affects our health.

Most SLS users are academic researchers who use the data within the SLS to answer specific research questions, but Scottish Government departments may also use the data to help build evidence for policies.

The University of Edinburgh and NRS have carried out a Data Protection Impact Assessment (available upon [request](#)) for the sharing and processing of SLS data.

A link to examples of current projects which are using SLS data can be found in Annex C.

### **3. Where does SLS data come from?**

Currently the SLS includes data from the following sources:

- Scotland's Census
- Statutory Registers of Births, Deaths and Marriages
- NHS Central Register
- Scottish Mental Survey 1947
- Scottish Government Education Data
- Scottish Qualifications Authority
- Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)
- Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
- Met Office

More details on the categories of the data and its sources are provided under Annex B.

### **4. Who are we?**

The SLS is a University of Edinburgh project supported by NRS.

The University of Edinburgh and NRS act as joint data controllers of the data. This means that we jointly make decisions about how the data can be processed.

The data controller of the University of Edinburgh is the University Court. They can be contacted via the University of Edinburgh Data Protection Officer, whose address is at the end of this notice.

The data controller of NRS is the Registrar General for Scotland. They can be contacted via the NRS Data Protection Officer, whose address is at the end of this notice.

The SLS steering committee is responsible for data protection, confidentiality and security issues for the Scottish Longitudinal Study and includes representatives from

the Longitudinal Study Centre Scotland (LSCS), the National Records of Scotland, the Office for National Statistics, the National Health Service Central Register, the Information Statistics Division of the NHS and the Education Department of the Scottish Government.

## **5. What is our lawful basis for processing personal data for the SLS?**

The lawful basis for the University of Edinburgh and NRS to process SLS data is:

UK GDPR Article 6(1)(e): “processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller.”

The basis in law for the University of Edinburgh’s public task is the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966.

The basis in law for NRS’s public task is provided by the Census Act 1920, the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965, and the Local Electoral and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006.

Our condition for processing special category data is:

UK GDPR Article 9(2)(j): “processing is necessary for archiving purposes in the public interest, or scientific and historical research purposes in accordance with Article 89(1) based on domestic law which shall be proportionate to the aim pursued, respect the essence of the right to data protection and provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and the interests of the data subject.”

The requirement for a basis in domestic law is provided by the Data Protection Act 2018 Schedule 1 Part 1 Paragraph 4: “This condition is met if the processing —  
(a) is necessary for archiving purposes, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes,  
(b) is carried out in accordance with Article 89(1) of the GDPR (as supplemented by section 19), and  
(c) is in the public interest.”  
by Schedule 1, Part 1, Condition 4 of the Data Protection Act 2018.

Any proposed research project wanting to use information from SLS must get approval from the SLS Research Board. Additionally, if the researchers want to link NHS health data to the SLS, they must obtain additional approval from the Health and Social Care-Public Benefit and Privacy Panel (HSC-PBPP).

We will only supply the minimum necessary SLS data needed and approved for the research project.

## **6. Where is the data stored and accessed from?**

The SLS data is stored securely on a University of Edinburgh server within an NRS location in the UK. All processing for creating and maintaining the SLS takes place within the UK.

SLS staff will be able to access SLS remotely and securely from an approved institutional device and VPN.

Researchers will be able to access from a safe setting within NRS Offices, the Edinburgh Parallel Computing Centre (EPCC), and the Scottish National Safe Haven.

We have organisational and technical measures in place to protect the data. For more information see the SLS Data Protection Impact Assessment (available upon [request](#)).

SLS data that may identify an individual is not allowed to be made publicly available. Only aggregated SLS data will appear in the public domain.

## **7. How long do we keep data?**

### SLS Data

The SLS dataset will be maintained indefinitely as a resource for research purposes.

### SLS Research project datasets

At the start of each research project using data from SLS a set end date for analysis is agreed between the researchers and the joint data controllers of the SLS. On this end date no-one will be able to access the research project SLS dataset and all access will be denied. The research project SLS dataset is archived for a period of 5 years. At the end of the archive retention period the research project SLS dataset is securely and confidentially destroyed.

Researchers can apply to extend the end date of their project before or after the original end date but not after the archival period has lapsed. This is subject to appropriate review and governance. The dataset will always have specified end / destruction dates re-applied as part of this process and continuous extension will not be permitted.

### Other Personal Information we collect

- *Researchers (including information about their Research Team)*

Personal information collected from Researchers or their Supervisors during the SLS application process, publication request process and correspondence will be securely deleted after 5 years of the project end date.

Data will not be disclosed without lawful authority.

- *Personal Information collected from SLS/DSU Staff members*

Data will not be disclosed without lawful authority.

## 8. What are your data protection rights?

Data protection law grants individuals certain rights. The rights that apply to the SLS data we process are:

- ✓ the right to be informed;
- ✓ the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office.

Other rights, however, do not apply where personal data is processed for scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes and where responding to these rights would prevent the research or statistical purpose from being achieved. The University of Edinburgh and NRS agree that the following rights do not apply to SLS dataset (and research projects of SLS data):

- X Right to access your personal data;
- X Right to rectification
- X Right to have your data erased
- X Right to restrict what can be done with your data
- X Right to data portability
- X Right to object to the use of your data
- X Rights in relation to automated decision making (no automated decision making occurs)

No automated decision-making or profiling takes place.

To exercise your rights you should contact the University of Edinburgh or NRS Data Protection Officers.

- **University of Edinburgh Data Protection Officer**

Email Address: [dpo@ed.ac.uk](mailto:dpo@ed.ac.uk)

Address:

Data Protection Officer  
Governance and Strategic Planning  
University of Edinburgh  
Old College  
Edinburgh  
EH8 9YL

Phone Number: 0131 651 4114

- **NRS Data Protection Officer**

Email Address: [dataprotection@nrscotland.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@nrscotland.gov.uk)

Address:

Data Protection Officer,  
National Records of Scotland ,  
HM General Register House,  
2 Princes Street,  
Edinburgh,  
EH1 3YY

### **Complaints or queries about our use of personal information**

If you have any concerns about our compliance with data protection law please contact our Data Protection Officers. They will look into your concerns and provide a response.

If you are not satisfied with their response you also have the right to report your concerns to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). For more information visit the ICO website: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

### **Changes to this privacy notice**

We keep our privacy notice under regular review to make sure it is up to date and accurate. This privacy notice was last updated in March 2025.

## **Annex A**

### **GLOSSARY**

#### **Administrative data**

Administrative data is data held by local and national government or other public bodies. They use it to support their own day-to-day activities.

#### **Aggregated Data**

Aggregated data is individual level data (data on one person) that has been combined or 'grouped' with other individual level data so that it is unlikely that an individual can be recognised. For example, Age of an SLS member may be aggregated (grouped) into categories 0-20 years, 20-40 years, 40-60 years etc.

#### **Census Data**

Information collected as part of the Scottish Census or imputed using Administrative data (2022 Census only). For more information on the 2001, 2011 and 2022 Census see [About the census \(scotlandscensus.gov.uk\)](https://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk)

#### **Economic and Social Research Council**

ESRC is the UK's largest funder of economic, social, behavioural and human data science.

#### **Edinburgh Parallel Computing Centre (EPCC)**

Edinburgh Parallel Computing Centre does not have direct access to your personal data however their infrastructure will be used to host this information on the National Safe Haven.

#### **Health and Social Care Public Benefit and Privacy Panel (HSC-PBPP)**

The Health and Social Care PBPP is a Governance structure of NHSScotland established with delegated authority from NHSScotland Chief Executive Officers and the Registrar General to scrutinise any use of NHSScotland controlled data and NHS Central Register data.

The HSC-PBPP provides robust, transparent, consistent, appropriate and proportionate information governance and scrutiny of data access requests to ensure the Information Governance principles of safe people, safe projects, safe data, safe places are maintained.

For more information see [here](#)

#### **Household member of a household of an SLS Member**

Information is also collected about those living in the same household as an SLS member at the time of the census. Only Census data for these non-SLS members is retained within the SLS but is not linked to subsequent censuses. For many studies SLS sample members are of most interest, but other census variables describing household members may provide valuable additional information.

## **Imputation**

Imputation involves replacing missing, invalid or inconsistent records. Records that have their value imputed are called imputed records.

## **Longitudinal Study**

A longitudinal study collects information (data) over time. The SLS longitudinal study has been running for decades.

## **Linked**

When information from one individual in one dataset is linked to other information on the same individual in another dataset we say the data has been 'linked'. This linkage process creates one record for that individual containing all the variables from both datasets.

## **National Health Service Central Registry (NHSCR)**

The National Health Service Central Register (NHSCR) contains basic demographic details of everyone who was born, or have died, in Scotland plus anyone else who is (or has been) on the list of a general medical practitioner in Scotland. The Register exists mainly to allow the smooth transfer of patients who move between Health Board areas (or across borders within the UK). It also provides to Scottish local authorities a unique reference number which is used to identify people on the database of local authority customers. The NHSCR operates under Section 57 of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006. For more information refer to [National Health Service Central Register | National Records of Scotland \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk)

## **National Records of Scotland**

National Records of Scotland performs the registration and statistical functions for the Registrar General for Scotland, including responsibility for demographic statistics and census, and the archival functions for the Keeper of the Records of Scotland.

## **National Safe Haven**

The Scottish National Safe Haven is owned by Public Health Scotland and governed by the [eDRIS](#) team who control access and manage all research enquiries.

The National Safe Haven is a secure environment where data is uploaded and accessed. The National Safe Haven operates at all times in full compliance with data protection legislation. For more information on use of the National Safe Haven see [here](#)

## **Pseudonymisation**

Pseudonymisation is a technique that replaces, removes or changes information so that an individual is unidentifiable without additional information i.e. an individual cannot be identified without this additional information, however with this additional information an individual and their data could be identified. Methods of

pseudonymisation include replacing names, or other unique identifiers with codes or reference numbers. Information is Pseudonymised if the recipient of the data does not have these codes but the organisation sharing the data does hold the codes.

Pseudonymising personal data can reduce the risks to the data subjects of being identified and thus enhances their privacy.

### **Semi-Random Birthdates**

SLS dates of birth are semi-random in that it was ensured coverage throughout the calendar year.

SLS dates of birth are known only to very few members of the SLS team - in order to maintain completeness and accuracy of the dataset. Otherwise, these dates are undisclosed to all other staff.

### **Public Health Scotland**

Since 1 April 2020, Public Health Scotland has been:

- leading and supporting Scotland to respond to its health challenges
- making a difference to the lives of people in Scottish communities

As Scotland's national public health body, PHS lead and support work across Scotland to prevent disease, prolong healthy life and promote health and wellbeing. For more information see [Public Health Scotland](#)

### **Safe Setting**

The environment prevents inappropriate access or misuse via a strict set of rules defining such an area.

### **Scottish Longitudinal Survey (SLS)**

The SLS is a large-scale record linkage study of individuals in Scotland linked through time, for which a combination of census, vital events, Scottish Mental Survey (SMS) and educational information are linked<sup>1</sup>.

The SLS is a continuous study, incorporating core data from the 1991, 2001 and 2011 Scottish Censuses and other sources. It is a 5.3% semi-random sample, based on 20 birthdates that by design have coverage across the year. The 20-day sample was created using the 1991 Census. The SLS is continually updated with new information as individuals born on any one of these 20-days will be added via subsequent Censuses, Vital Events data or Migration data (along with Census information on their household members on Census day).

At 2011 it linked information for approximately 270,000 individuals in Scotland plus additional Census data on other members of the household (provided the members of the household were living with the SLS member at the time of the Census). The large,

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<sup>1</sup> More information on the data currently held in the SLS (or which may be linked to it) is available at: <http://sls.lscs.ac.uk/guides-resources/what-data-are-included/>

representative sample size and range of information included make the SLS a highly valuable and versatile dataset<sup>2</sup>.

The Scottish Longitudinal Survey (SLS) is a University of Edinburgh project funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and the National Records of Scotland.

### **Scottish Longitudinal Survey Member (SLS member)**

SLS members are those who have a birthday on one of the 20 SLS birthdates used to create the sample.

### **SLS Research Board**

The SLS Research board is an independent body that includes representation from NRS and Academics and reviews and advises on Research applications that want to use data from SLS. The SLS scrutinises Research requests for SLS data to ensure the Information Governance principles of safe people, safe projects, safe data, safe places are maintained. Any Research projects that want to use data from the SLS must obtain approval from the SLS Research Board.

### **SLS Steering Committee**

The SLS steering committee is a body responsible to the Data Controllers of information held within SLS. They ensure maximum public benefit is achieved by the SLS and the interests of individuals whose data is held within the SLS are protected. They have overall responsibility for data protection, confidentiality and security of the Scottish Longitudinal Study.

Membership of this group is made up of the University of Edinburgh Longitudinal Study Centre Scotland (LSCS), National Records of Scotland (NRS), the Office for National Statistics (ONS), the National Health Service Central Register (NHSCR), Public Health Scotland and the Education Analytical Services division of the Scottish Government.

### **SLS 1936 Birth Cohort**

TBC

### **Scottish Mental Survey (SMS)**

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<sup>2</sup> More information on the creation and technical aspects of the SLS can be found in the technical working papers available at: <http://sls.lscs.ac.uk/outputs/working-papers/>

This dataset is created using core data from individuals who took the 1947 Scottish Mental Survey (Data Controller: The University of Edinburgh) and combining that data with their data from the 1936 Digitising Scotland 'Birth cohort' (Joint Data Controllers: The University of Edinburgh and The National Records of Scotland), the 1939 National Identity Register (Data Controller: The National Records of Scotland).

## Annex B

Data sources included in the SLS.

| Which organisation the data comes from? | Categories of Data  | Source  | Publicly accessible source?          |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| National Records of Scotland            | Births, Deaths and Marriages for SLS members (taken from death certificates, birth certificates and registrar records)  | Births, Deaths and Marriages Register<br><br>NHS Central Register (Births and Deaths) | Yes<br><br>No                        |
| National Records of Scotland            | Census Data for SLS members including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SLS number (a unique identifier)</li> <li>- Age</li> <li>- Sex</li> <li>- Date of birth</li> <li>- Country of Birth</li> <li>- Ethnicity</li> <li>- Religion (2001 onwards)</li> <li>- Legal Marital Status</li> <li>- Highest Qualification</li> <li>- Social Class</li> <li>- SocioEconomic Group</li> <li>- Economic activity (e.g. Employed, Unemployed, Retired, Student)</li> <li>- Occupation</li> <li>- Council board</li> <li>- Dependents</li> <li>- Long Term Illness (yes or no)</li> <li>- Health Board</li> <li>- Single (Lone) Parent</li> <li>- Family structure</li> </ul> | 1991 Census<br>2001 Census<br>2011 Census   | No (though it is in aggregated form) |

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|--|---|---|-----|
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Migration into and out of Scotland</li> <li>- Migration within Scotland</li> <li>- Current address on Census Day</li> <li>- Previous Address one year ago</li> <li>- If student term time address.</li> </ul>  |   |     |
| National Records of Scotland                     | <p>Census Data for household members living in the same household as an SLS member*</p> <p>As for SLS members above plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Person number (a unique SLS identifier)</li> <li>- Relationship to SLS member</li> </ul>   | <p>1991 Census</p> <p>2001 Census</p> <p>2011 Census</p>  | Yes |
| National Health Service Central Register (NHSCR) | Information on migration of SLS members into or out of Scotland from the rest of the UK or abroad, and information on migration within Scotland.  | NHS Central Registry  | No  |
| University of Edinburgh and NRS                  | <p>Information on intelligence tests taken in 1947 in Scotland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- test score,</li> <li>- school,</li> <li>- unique record number,</li> <li>- date of birth,</li> <li>- date of death,</li> <li>- sex,</li> <li>- position in family for example first born and</li> <li>- number of children in family.</li> </ul> <p>No mental health information was captured by this survey.</p> | <p>Scottish Mental Survey</p> <p>(created using core data from individuals who took the 1947 Scottish Mental Survey and combining that data with their data from the 1936 Digitising Scotland 'Birth cohort',</p> | No  |

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|   |  | the 1939 National Identity Register)      |    |
| <p>Scottish Government</p> <p>Education Analytical Services (EAS)</p> | <p>Categories of School Pupil Census data include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Year in which School Pupil Census took place</li> <li>- Unique School identifier</li> <li>- Date of Birth</li> <li>- Ethnicity</li> <li>- National Identity</li> <li>- Sex</li> <li>- Local Authority</li> <li>- Type of learning establishment</li> <li>- Date of admission</li> <li>- Class Name (Primary School Pupils only)</li> <li>- Class Type (Primary School pupils only)</li> <li>- Pupil Attendance</li> <li>- Pupil Stage e.g. Primary1 , Primary 2, Primary 3, etc to Primary 7 , Secondary1, Secondary 2 etc to Secondary 7</li> <li>- Registered for Free School Meals (Yes/No)</li> <li>- Main difficulty in learning e.g. hearing, visual, speech</li> <li>- Record of Needs Indicator</li> <li>- Individualised Educational Programme (Yes/No)</li> <li>- Gaelic Education Received</li> <li>- Postcode of home address of Pupil</li> <li>- Scottish Candidate Number (SCN is the</li> </ul> | School Pupil Censuses (from 2007 to 2017) | No |

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|   | <p>key unique identifier of pupils within the Scottish education system)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Name of main home language: Necessary for provision of English as a foreign language teaching (2011 onwards)</li> <li>- Number of pupils with a given main home language (2011 onwards)</li> </ul>  |   |    |
| <p>Scottish Qualifications Authority</p> <p>Scottish Government (EAS)</p> | <p>Attainments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Year in which School Census took place</li> <li>-Stage of candidate</li> <li>- Status of entry</li> <li>- Level code</li> <li>- Qualification code</li> <li>- Result date (completion date)</li> <li>- Unique record identifier</li> <li>- Result</li> <li>- Scottish Candidate Number</li> <li>- School identifier</li> </ul> | <p>Education Analytical Service</p> <p>2007-2010</p> <p>Or 2007 onwards if 2011 onwards is the same data?</p> | No |
| <p>Scottish Qualifications Authority</p> <p>Scottish Government (EAS)</p> | <p>Attainments</p>  | <p>Education Analytical Service</p> <p>2011 onwards</p>   |    |
| <p>Scottish Qualifications Authority</p>                                  | <p>Qualifications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Credit value of course/qualification</li> <li>-Course end date</li> <li>-Level code</li> <li>-Qualification code</li> <li>-Name of course/qualification</li> </ul>  | <p>Education Analytical Service</p> <p>2007-2010</p>  |    |

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|                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Type of course/qualification</li> <li>- Unique record identifier</li> <li>- Course start date</li> </ul>   |  |    |
| Scottish Qualifications Authority | Qualifications   | Education Analytical Service<br><br>2011 onwards |    |
| Scottish Government (SEA)         | Candidate Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Year in which School Census took place</li> <li>- Date of Birth</li> <li>- Gender</li> <li>- Postcode of home address</li> <li>-Unique record Identifier</li> <li>-Scottish Candidate Number</li> </ul>   | Education Analytical Service<br><br>2007-2010    |    |
| Scottish Qualifications Authority | Qualifications Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualification Data Provider Result (Pass or not)</li> <li>Qualification Level</li> <li>Qualification Type</li> <li>Qualification Result</li> <li>Scottish Qualifications Framework (SCQF) level</li> </ul> | Education Analytical Service<br><br>2011 onwards |    |
| Scottish Qualifications Authority | Qualification Result grades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualification Data Provider Grade Level</li> <li>Type</li> <li>Result</li> </ul>  | Education Analytical Service<br><br>2011 onwards |    |
| Scottish Government<br><br>EAS    | Attendance e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Year in which School Census took place</li> <li>- Attendance</li> <li>- Exceptional domestic circumstances authorised by School e.g. critical illness of a</li> </ul>   | School Census<br><br>2007 onwards                | No |

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|  | <p>close relative, period after an accident or illness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exceptional domestic circumstances not authorised by School</li> <li>- Family holidays authorised by School e.g. bereavement</li> <li>- Family holiday not authorised by School e.g. holidays which overlap term time not agreed by School</li> <li>- Pupil Gender</li> <li>- Misses registration but arrives before lunch</li> <li>- Misses registration but arrives after lunch</li> <li>- Other authorised absence e.g. attendance at court, religious observances</li> <li>- Other unauthorised attendance e.g. parent refusing to send child to school following a dispute with the school</li> <li>- Possible half day attendances to date</li> <li>- Unique record identifier</li> <li>- Unique Scottish Candidate number/identifier (SCN)</li> <li>- Is SCN old or new style?</li> <li>- Unique School identifier</li> <li>- Sickness with Educational Provision</li> <li>- Sickness without Educational Provision</li> <li>- Pupil Stage</li> <li>- Temporary exclusion e.g. work experience</li> <li>- Truancy, including unexplained absence</li> <li>- Work experience</li> </ul> |  |  |
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| <p>Scottish Government (EAS)</p> | <p>Exclusions e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Year in which School Census took place</li> <li>- Pupil Gender</li> <li>- Date exclusion from School started</li> <li>- Date exclusion from School ended</li> <li>- Incident type e.g. verbal abuse of staff, verbal abuse of another pupil, damage to school property</li> <li>- The nature of the main alternative provision of education used during a temporary exclusion e.g. home tuition, other school</li> <li>- The number of half days absence due to temporary exclusion with no adequate alternative education provision provided</li> <li>- Unique record identifier</li> <li>- Flag to indicate whether student was removed from the register (Yes or No)</li> <li>- Pupil Stage</li> <li>- Unique Scottish Candidate number/identifier (SCN)</li> <li>- Is SCN old or new style?</li> </ul> | <p>School Census</p> <p>2007 onwards</p> | <p>No</p> |
| <p>NRS</p>                       | <p>NHS Postcode History for SLS Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Postcode area code</li> <li>- Postcode start date</li> <li>- Postcode end date</li> <li>- Postcode change date</li> <li>- Postcode changed from</li> <li>- Postcode changed to</li> </ul>   | <p>NHSCR</p> <p>2000 to present data</p> | <p>No</p> |

|   |   |   |     |
|---|---|---|-----|
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chronological order of Postcode</li> <li>- Valid postcode</li> <li>- Duration at Postcode</li> <li>- Postcode used before by SLS Member</li> <li>- NHS Postcode</li> </ul> |   |     |
| Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)             | Measures of Deprivation   | Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) and Years | Yes |
| Met Office  | Weather data for geographical regions of Scotland e.g.<br><br>What data   |   | Yes |
| Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) | Pollution data for geographical regions of Scotland e.g.<br><br>What data   |   | Yes |
|   | measures of how populated/rural an area is  |   |     |

\*Data from vital events and other datasets are only linked for SLS members and not for household members living with an SLS member at the time of a Scottish Census

For more information on variables collected within SLS for both SLS members and household members of SLS members please refer to [Data Dictionary :: SLS - Scottish Longitudinal Study Development & Support Unit \(lscs.ac.uk\)](#)

### **Other personal information we collect from Researchers and Research Team members**

As part of the process for requesting access to the SLS data, in order to assess Researchers suitability to access the data and to allow correspondence, we collect the following information:

| <b>Which organisation</b> | <b>Categories of Data</b> | <b>Source</b> | <b>Publicly accessible source?</b> |
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| <b>the data comes from?</b> |  |   |    |
| Research Institution        | <p>Researcher and members of Research Team: Name, title prefix, Telephone Number, Organisation, Position, Email address, Work address &amp; Signature.</p> <p>Proof of training and successful completion of relevant training courses</p> | Researcher                                  | No |
| Research Institution        | <p>In addition to above if the Researcher is a Student:</p> <p>Supervisor Name, title prefix, position, organisation, signature, telephone number, email address, Work address</p>   | <p>Student Researcher</p> <p>Supervisor</p> | No |

**Information we collect from SLS-DSU (Development & Support Unit) staff members**

| <b>Which organisation the data comes from?</b> | <b>Categories of Data</b> | <b>Source</b> | <b>Publicly accessible source?</b> |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| NRS/University of Edinburgh                    | Name, Signature, Position | Staff member  | No                                 |

## Annex C

Current Projects that have used SLS can be found here

[Current Projects :: SLS - Scottish Longitudinal Study Development & Support Unit \(lscs.ac.uk\)](#)