

Incorporating external data into a health economic analysis pipeline in R:

How-to and whether-to

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"I know nothing about the subject,
but I'm happy to give you my expert opinion."

Driver #1

ACCESSIBILITY OF USEFUL DATA

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- continuing to open up government services internally and externally through the use of APIs where appropriate
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Supporting open data and transparency

Open data is data that can be used and shared by anyone, for any purpose. We make this data publicly available to improve transparency in health and care.

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The benefits of open data

Open data, put simply, is data that can be accessed, used and shared, by anyone, for any purpose. Many organisations collect a broad range of data in order to perform their tasks: making this data publicly accessible contributes to the transparency agenda, which is important for:

- improving outcomes and productivity in our public services
- promoting higher quality and more efficient services, choice and accountability
- encouraging economic growth - it enables the development of tools to support users, commissioners and providers of public services

Good open data should be easy to find, free to access and made available in a format that promotes its use. It should also be timely, accurate and well described. Organisations like the [Open Data Institute](#) and the [Open Knowledge Foundation](#) provide more information on open data, including ways to help assess quality and reliability.

Driver #2

REPLICABLE WORKFLOW

Project-oriented workflow

📅 2017/12/12

👤 Jenny Bryan

If the first line of your R script is

```
setwd("C: \Users \jenny \path \that \only \I \have")
```

I will come into your office and SET YOUR COMPUTER ON FIRE 🔥.

EXAMPLES

Sources of web-served data

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Welcome to Nomis

Nomis is a service provided by [Office for National Statistics \(ONS\)](#), the UK's largest independent producer of official statistics. On this website, we publish statistics related to population, society and the labour market at national, regional and local levels. These include data from current and previous censuses.

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Census 2021 datasets are now available in the query data tool

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View a labour market profile of an area. Includes some of the data from our key datasets on population, employment, unemployment, qualifications, earnings, benefit claimants and businesses.

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[2010 Parliamentary Constituencies Profile](#)

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Create a data download from one of our full range of data sets. Data is available at a very detailed level.



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Browse by table type and number.



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Browse by table type and number, or view by release.

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Search by keyword and geography type.

[Earlier censuses](#)

Find data from 2001, 1991, 1981 and 1961 censuses.

nomisr



`nomisr` is for accessing UK official statistics from the [Nomis](#) database through R. Nomis contains data from the Census, the Labour Force Survey, DWP benefit statistics and other economic and demographic data, and is maintained on behalf of the Office for National Statistics by the University of Durham.

The `nomisr` package provides functions to find what data is available, the variables and query options for different datasets and a function for downloading data. `nomisr` returns data in [tibble](#) format. Most of the data available through `nomisr` is based around statistical geographies, with a handful of exceptions.

The package is for demographers, economists, geographers, public health researchers and any other researchers who are interested in geographic factors. The package aims to aid reproducibility, reduce the need to manually download area profiles, and allow easy linking of different datasets covering the same geographic area.

Usage

```
nomis_get_data(  
  id,  
  time = NULL,  
  date = NULL,  
  geography = NULL,  
  sex = NULL,  
  measures = NULL,  
  additional_queries = NULL,  
  exclude_missing = FALSE,  
  select = NULL,  
  tidy = FALSE,  
  tidy_style = "snake_case",  
  query_id = NULL,  
  ...  
)
```

ONS NOMIS via nomisr

What proportion of deaths are due to CVD?

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```
# A tibble: 720 × 46
  DATE DATE_NAME DATE_CODE DATE_TYPE DATE_TYPECODE DATE_SORTORDER GEOGRAPHY GEOGRAPHY_NAME  GEOGRAPHY_CODE GEOGRAPHY_TYPE GEOGRAPHY_TYPECODE GEOGRAPHY_SORTORDER
  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <dbl> <dbl>
1 2013 2013 2013 date 0 2092957703 England and Wales K04000001 countries 499 0
2 2013 2013 2013 date 0 2092957703 England and Wales K04000001 countries 499 0
3 2013 2013 2013 date 0 2092957703 England and Wales K04000001 countries 499 0
4 2013 2013 2013 date 0 2092957703 England and Wales K04000001 countries 499 0
5 2013 2013 2013 date 0 2092957703 England and Wales K04000001 countries 499 0
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7 2013 2013 2013 date 0 2092957703 England and Wales K04000001 countries 499 0
8 2013 2013 2013 date 0 2092957703 England and Wales K04000001 countries 499 0
9 2013 2013 2013 date 0 2092957703 England and Wales K04000001 countries 499 0
10 2013 2013 2013 date 0 2092957703 England and Wales K04000001 countries 499 0
# i 710 more rows
# i 34 more variables: CAUSE_OF_DEATH <dbl>, CAUSE_OF_DEATH_NAME <chr>, CAUSE_OF_DEATH_CODE <chr>, CAUSE_OF_DEATH_TYPE <chr>, CAUSE_OF_DEATH_TYPECODE <dbl>,
# CAUSE_OF_DEATH_SORTORDER <dbl>, GENDER <dbl>, GENDER_NAME <chr>, GENDER_CODE <dbl>, GENDER_TYPE <chr>, GENDER_TYPECODE <dbl>, GENDER_SORTORDER <dbl>, AGE <dbl>,
# AGE_NAME <chr>, AGE_CODE <dbl>, AGE_TYPE <chr>, AGE_TYPECODE <dbl>, AGE_SORTORDER <dbl>, MEASURE <dbl>, MEASURE_NAME <chr>, MEASURE_CODE <dbl>,
# MEASURE_TYPE <chr>, MEASURE_TYPECODE <dbl>, MEASURE_SORTORDER <dbl>, MEASURES <dbl>, MEASURES_NAME <chr>, OBS_VALUE <dbl>, OBS_STATUS <chr>,
# OBS_STATUS_NAME <chr>, OBS_CONF <lgl>, OBS_CONF_NAME <chr>, URN <chr>, RECORD_OFFSET <dbl>, RECORD_COUNT <dbl>
# i Use `print(n = ...)` to see more rows
```

ONS NOMIS via nomisr

What proportion of deaths are due to CVD?

```
1 tblCoD ← nomisr::nomis_get_data(id      = "NM_161_1",
2                                     date     = 2013:2020,
3                                     geography = 2092957703,
4                                     sex      = 1:2,
5                                     age      = 1:20,
6                                     measure   = 1,
7                                     measures  = 20100,
8                                     cause_of_death = c(0,9))
9
10 tblCoD ▷
11   dplyr::mutate(CoD = ifelse(CAUSE_OF_DEATH==9, "CVD", "All")) ▷
12   dplyr::select(Year    = DATE,
13                 Sex      = GENDER_NAME,
14                 AgeCat   = AGE_NAME,
15                 AgeC     = AGE_CODE,
16                 N        = OBS_VALUE,
17                 CoD) ▷
18   tidyr::pivot_wider(values_from = N,
19                       names_from = CoD) ▷
20   dplyr::mutate(pCVD  = CVD / All,
21                 AgeLo = c(0,1,1:18*5)[AgeC],
22                 AgeHi = c(1,1:18*5,999)[AgeC])
```

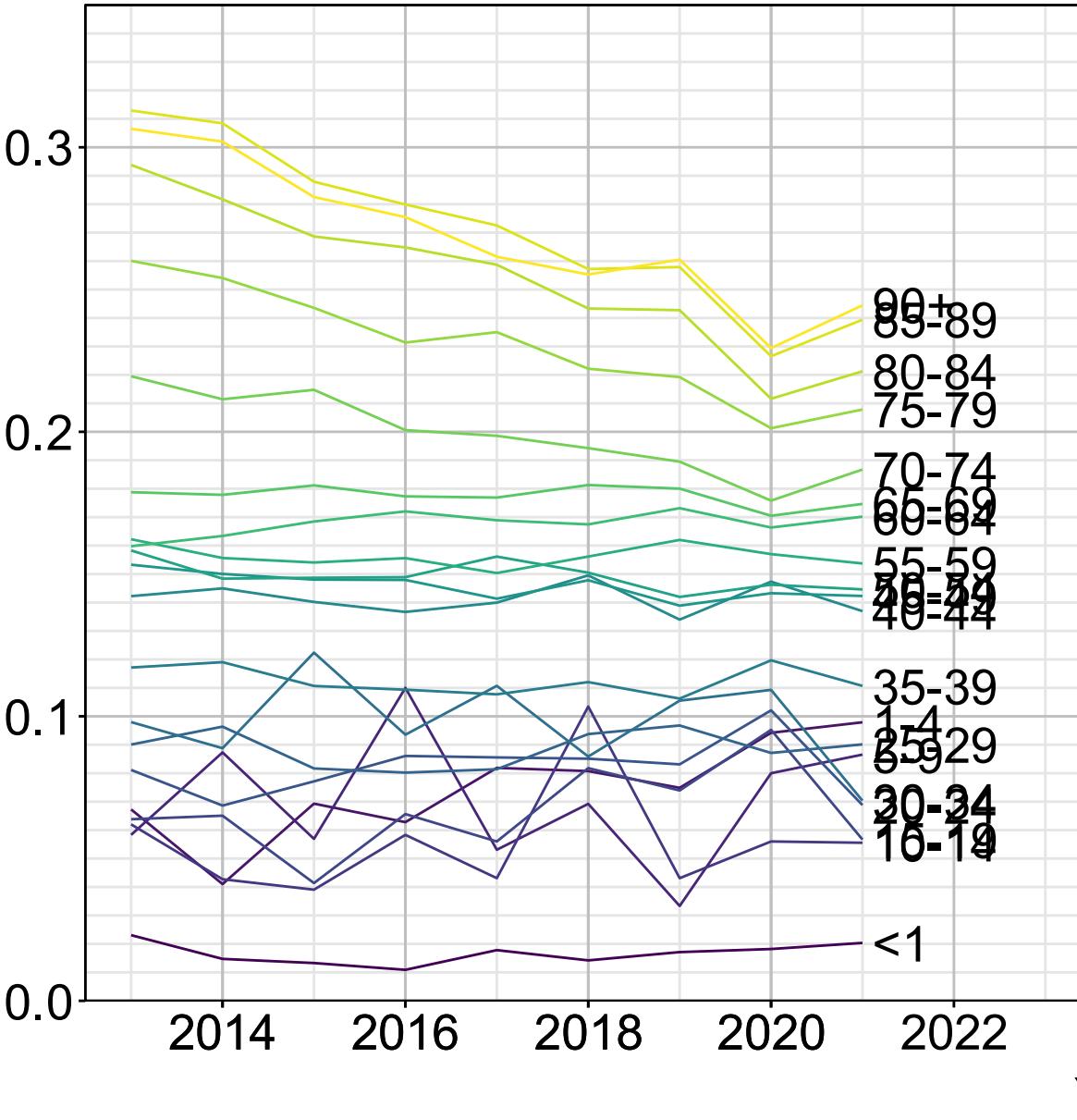
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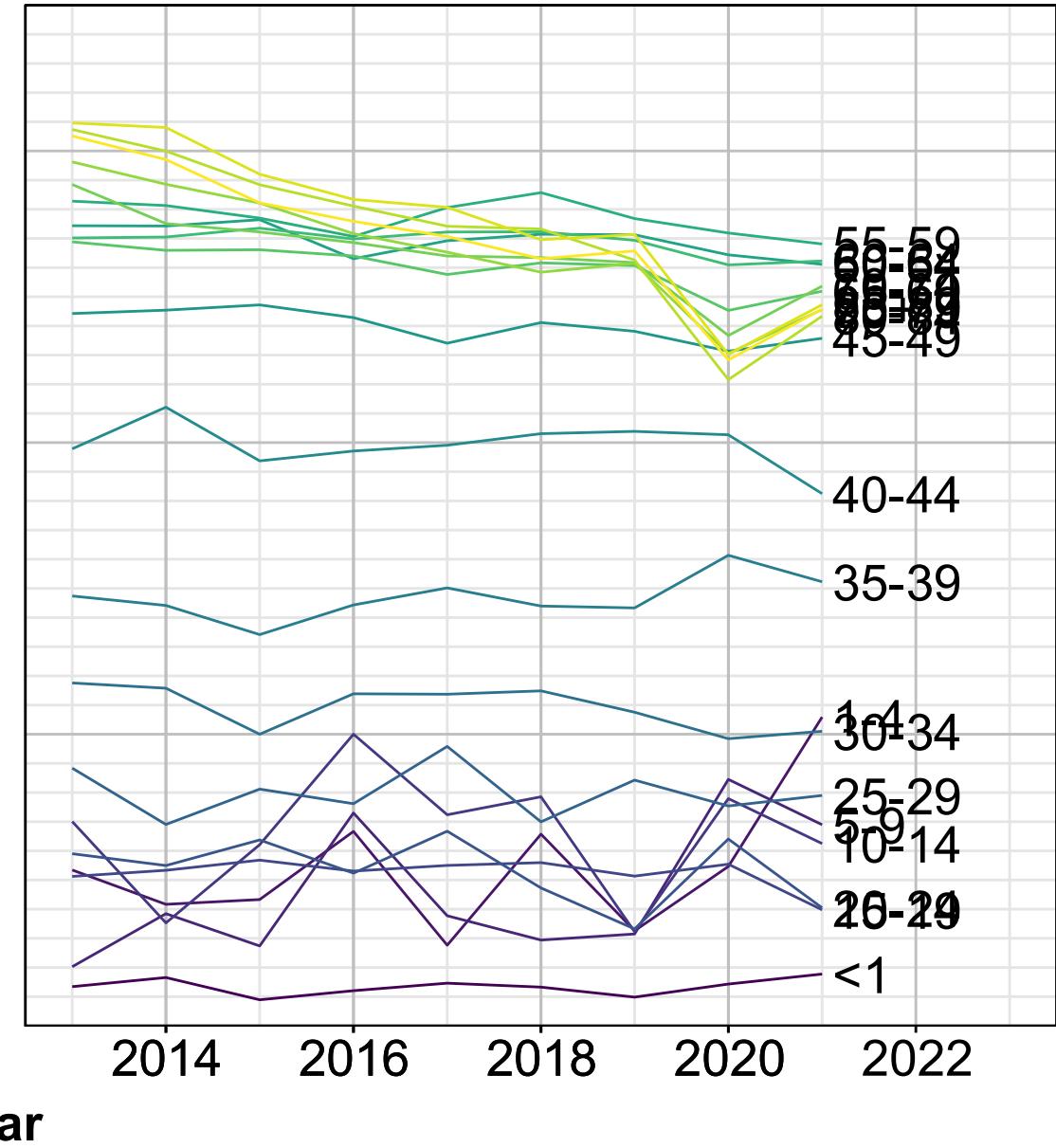
```
# A tibble: 320 × 9
  Year Sex   AgeCat      AgeC   All    CVD    pCVD AgeLo AgeHi
  <dbl> <chr> <chr>      <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1 2013 Male  Aged under 1     1  1563    21 0.0134     0     1
2 2013 Male  Aged 1 to 4     2   262     14 0.0534     1     5
3 2013 Male  Aged 5 to 9     3   148      3 0.0203     5    10
4 2013 Male  Aged 10-14     4   157     11 0.0701    10    15
5 2013 Male  Aged 15-19     5   527     27 0.0512    15    20
6 2013 Male  Aged 20-24     6   881     52 0.0590    20    25
7 2013 Male  Aged 25-29     7  1143    101 0.0884   25    30
8 2013 Male  Aged 30-34     8  1497    176 0.118    30    35
9 2013 Male  Aged 35-39     9  2076    306 0.147    35    40
10 2013 Male  Aged 40-44    10  3371    667 0.198   40    45
# i 310 more rows
# i Use `print(n = ...)` to see more rows
```

Proportion of deaths due to CVD

Female



Male



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- API serving JSON read via jsonlite
 - e.g. NHS Open Data Portal → English Prescribing Dataset

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- All our data is free for use and re-use
- You can view, filter, and download data and meta data
- Built using open-source tools

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CSV

PCA contains information on all prescriptions items dispensed in the community in England on a monthly basis and submitted to the NHSBSA for reimbursement. This data mirrors the...

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[Prescription Cost Analysis \(PCA\) Annual Statistics](#)

CSV

The PCA release is an Official Statistic with National Statistic designation. The lowest granularity of data in the publication for both financial and calendar year is added...

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NHS Open Data Portal API

Accessing English Prescribing Data via jsonlite

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```
1 strURL ← "https://opendata.nhsbsa.net/api/3/action/datastore_search_sql?resource_id=EPD_201401&sql="
2 strSQL ← paste("SELECT YEAR_MONTH, BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE, CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE_BNF_DESCR, BNF_CODE,",
3                  "BNF_DESCRIPTION, BNF_CHAPTER_PLUS_CODE,",
4                  "sum(TOTAL_QUANTITY) AS Quantity, sum(NIC) AS NIC, sum(ACTUAL_COST) AS Cost, avg(ADQUSAGE) AS ADQ",
5                  "FROM `EPD_201401` WHERE BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE LIKE '060102%'",
6                  "GROUP BY YEAR_MONTH, BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE, CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE_BNF_DESCR,",
7                  "BNF_CODE, BNF_DESCRIPTION, BNF_CHAPTER_PLUS_CODE")
8
9 jsonRet ← paste0(strURL, strSQL) ▷
10 URLEncode() ▷
11 jsonlite::fromJSON()
12
13 tblSQL ← jsonRet$result$result$records ▷
14 dplyr::as_tibble() ▷
15 dplyr::arrange(BNF_CODE)
16
17 tblSQL
```

```
"https://opendata.nhsbsa.net/api/3/action/datastore_search_sql?resource_id=EPD_201401&sql=SELECT%20YEAR_MONTH,%20BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE,%20
CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE_BNF_DESCR,%20BNF_CODE,%20BNF_DESCRIPTION,%20BNF_CHAPTER_PLUS_CODE,%20sum(TOTAL_QUANTITY)%20AS%20Quantity,%20sum(NIC)%20A
S%20NIC,%20sum(ACTUAL_COST)%20AS%20Cost,%20avg(ADQUSAGE)%20AS%20ADQ%20FROM%20%60EPD_201401%60%20WHERE%20BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE%20LIKE%20'06
0102%25'%20GROUP%20BY%20YEAR_MONTH,%20BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE,%20CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE_BNF_DESCR,%20BNF_CODE,%20BNF_DESCRIPTION,%20BNF_CHAPTER_
PLUS_CODE"
```

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```
# A tibble: 128 × 7
  BNF_CODE      CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE_BNF_DESCR BNF_DESCRIPTION      Quantity      NIC      Cost     ADQ
  <chr>          <chr>                         <chr>                  <int>       <dbl>     <dbl>   <dbl>
1 0601021A0AAAAAA Glimepiride                Glimepiride 2mg tab...    736153 27976. 27516. 104.
2 0601021A0AAABAB Glimepiride                Glimepiride 1mg tab...    587778 21345. 21031. 48.9
3 0601021A0AACAC Glimepiride                Glimepiride 3mg tab...    394870 76599. 72697. 147.
4 0601021A0AAADAD Glimepiride                Glimepiride 4mg tab...    751773 34587. 34023. 223.
5 0601021A0AAAHAH Glimepiride                Glimepiride 6mg/5ml...     11    577.   543.   6.6
6 0601021A0BBAAAA Glimepiride                Amaryl 2mg tablets      4155    987.   935.   56.9
7 0601021A0BBABAB Glimepiride                Amaryl 1mg tablets      4638    669.   634.   32.2
8 0601021A0BBACAC Glimepiride                Amaryl 3mg tablets      1794    643.   607.   84.1
9 0601021A0BBADAD Glimepiride                Amaryl 4mg tablets      3729    1770.  1670.  98.1
10 0601021H0AAAAAA Glibenclamide             Glibenclamide 2.5mg...   54889 34699. 32701. 16.1
# i 118 more rows
# i Use `print(n = ...)` to see more rows
```

NHS Open Data Portal API

Making it functional

```
1 fnNHSOpenData <- function(dataset = c("EPD", "SCMD"), Year, Month, strSelect = "*", strWhere = "", strGroupBy = "") {  
2   strURL <- "https://opendata.nhsbsa.net/api/3/action/datastore_search_sql?resource_id={res}&sql="  
3   res <- paste0(dataset, "_", Year, sprintf("%02d", Month))  
4   strSQL <- paste("SELECT", strSelect, "FROM `", res, "`")  
5   if (strWhere != "") strSQL <- paste(strSQL, "WHERE", strWhere)  
6   if (strGroupBy != "") strSQL <- paste(strSQL, "GROUP BY", strGroupBy)  
7  
8   url <- glue(strURL, strSQL) %>  
9     URLencode()  
10  
11  tibble(Dataset = res) %>  
12    bind_cols(fromJSON(url)) %>  
13      as_tibble()  
14 }
```

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11  tibble(Dataset = res) %>  
12    bind_cols(fromJSON(url)) %>  
13      as_tibble()  
14 }  
15  
16 fnNHSOpenData(dataset      = "EPD",  
17                 Year        = 2014,  
18                 Month       = 1,  
19                 strSelect   = paste("YEAR_MONTH, BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE, CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE_BNF_DESCR, BNF_CODE, BNF_DESCRIPTION,",  
20                               "BNF_CHAPTER_PLUS_CODE, sum(TOTAL_QUANTITY) AS Quantity, sum(NIC) AS NIC,",  
21                               "sum(ACTUAL_COST) AS Cost, avg(ADQUSAGE) AS ADQ"),  
22                 strWhere    = "BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE LIKE '060102%'",  
23                 strGroupBy = paste("YEAR_MONTH, BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE, CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE_BNF_DESCR, BNF_CODE,",  
24                               "BNF_DESCRIPTION, BNF_CHAPTER_PLUS_CODE")) %>%tblDM
```

NHS Open Data Portal API

Making it functional - calling via purrr::map

```
1 fnNHSOpenData <- function(dataset = c("EPD", "SCMD"), Year, Month, strSelect = "*", strWhere = "", strGroupBy = "") {  
2   strURL <- "https://opendata.nhsbsa.net/api/3/action/datastore_search_sql?resource_id={res}&sql="  
3   res <- paste0(dataset, "_", Year, sprintf("%02d", Month))  
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7  
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9     URLencode()  
10  
11  tibble(Dataset = res) %>  
12    bind_cols(fromJSON(url)) %>  
13      as_tibble()  
14 }  
15  
16 crossing(Year      = 2014:2023,  
17           Month     = 1:12,  
18           dataset   = "EPD",  
19           strSelect  = paste("YEAR_MONTH, BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE, CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE_BNF_DESCR, BNF_CODE, BNF_DESCRIPTION,",  
20                         "BNF_CHAPTER_PLUS_CODE, sum(TOTAL_QUANTITY) AS Quantity, sum(NIC) AS NIC,",  
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24                         "BNF_DESCRIPTION, BNF_CHAPTER_PLUS_CODE")) %>  
25  filter(Year < 2023 | Month < 4) %>  
26  pmap(.f      = fnNHSOpenData,  
27        .progress = TRUE) %>  
28  list_rbind() → tblAllDM
```

NHS Open Data Portal API

Making it functional

```
# A tibble: 111 × 6
  Year Month dataset strSelect          strWhere          strGroupBy
  <chr> <chr> <chr>   <chr>
1 2014  1     EPD    YEAR_MONTH, BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTAN... BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE LIKE '060...
2 2014  2     EPD    YEAR_MONTH, BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTAN... BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE LIKE '060...
3 2014  3     EPD    YEAR_MONTH, BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTAN... BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE LIKE '060...
4 2014  4     EPD    YEAR_MONTH, BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTAN... BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE LIKE '060...
5 2014  5     EPD    YEAR_MONTH, BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTAN... BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE LIKE '060...
6 2014  6     EPD    YEAR_MONTH, BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTAN... BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE LIKE '060...
7 2014  7     EPD    YEAR_MONTH, BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTAN... BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE LIKE '060...
8 2014  8     EPD    YEAR_MONTH, BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTAN... BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE LIKE '060...
9 2014  9     EPD    YEAR_MONTH, BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTAN... BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE LIKE '060...
10 2014 10    EPD    YEAR_MONTH, BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTAN... BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE LIKE '060...
# i 101 more rows
# i Use `print(n = ...)` to see more rows
```

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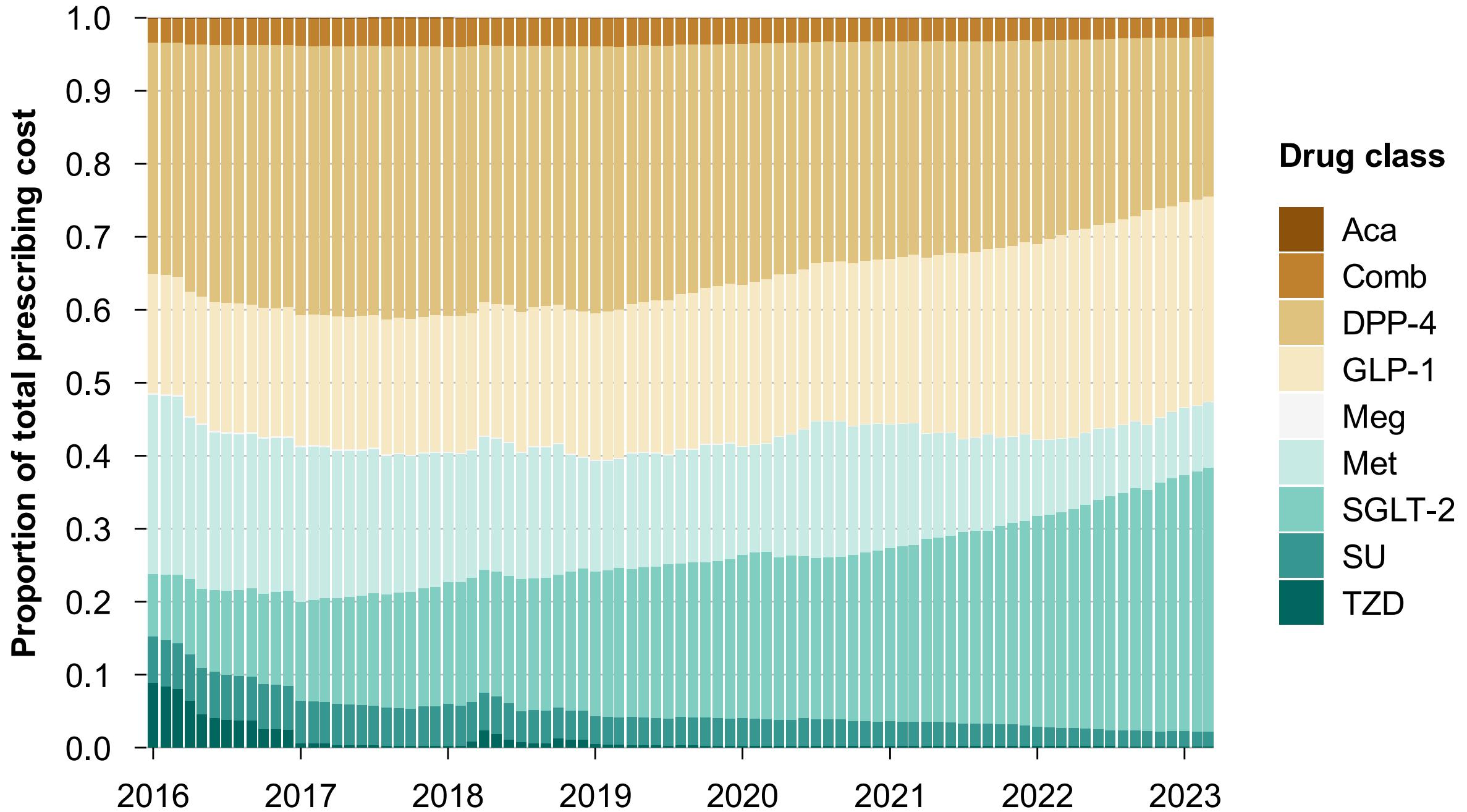
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16 crossing(Year      = 2014:2023,  
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```

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Making it functional

```
# A tibble: 19,973 × 11
  Dataset    BNF_CODE      ADQ      NIC CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE_BNF_DESCR   Cost BNF CHAPTER_PLUS_CODE YEAR_MONTH BNF_CHEMICAL_SUBSTANCE BNF_DESCRIPTION      Quantity
  <chr>      <chr>       <dbl>     <dbl> <chr>
1 EPD_201401 0601021M0AAARAR  39.5    381083. Gliclazide           361950. 06: Endocrine System 201401 0601021M0          Gliclazide 40mg ta...  3175699
2 EPD_201401 0601023R0AAABAB  28.7    19485. Repaglinide            18535. 06: Endocrine System 201401 0601023R0          Repaglinide 1mg ta...  199203
3 EPD_201401 0601023A0AAAAAA  42.8    27890. Acarbose              26515. 06: Endocrine System 201401 0601023A0          Acarbose 50mg tabl...  266472
4 EPD_201401 0601023AIBBAAA  0       29750. Lixisenatide          28018. 06: Endocrine System 201401 0601023AI          Lyxumia 20microgra...  1099
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9 EPD_201401 0601022B0AAASAS  171.    1921122. Metformin hydrochloride 1818374. 06: Endocrine System 201401 0601022B0          Metformin 500mg mo...  20221848
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National life tables: England



Contact:
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Release date:
23 September 2021

Next release:
To be announced

About this Dataset

Period life expectancy by age and sex for England. Each national life table is based on population estimates, births and deaths for a period of three consecutive years. Tables are published annually.

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17	10	0.000073	0.000073	99486.0	7.3	69.74		10	0.000065	0.000065	99570.0	6.5	73.48	
18	11	0.000074	0.000074	99478.7	7.3	68.75		11	0.000056	0.000056	99563.6	5.6	72.48	
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20	13	0.000116	0.000116	99461.2	11.5	66.76		13	0.000088	0.000088	99552.7	8.7	70.49	
21	14	0.000124	0.000124	99449.7	12.3	65.76		14	0.000094	0.000094	99544.0	9.4	69.50	
22	15	0.000169	0.000169	99437.4	16.8	64.77		15	0.000102	0.000102	99534.6	10.2	68.50	
23	16	0.000190	0.000190	99420.5	18.9	63.78		16	0.000129	0.000129	99524.4	12.9	67.51	
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26	19	0.000415	0.000415	99336.3	41.2	60.84		19	0.000202	0.000202	99475.5	20.1	64.54	
27	20	0.000524	0.000524	99295.1	52.0	59.86		20	0.000177	0.000177	99455.5	17.6	63.56	
28	21	0.000473	0.000473	99243.1	47.0	58.89		21	0.000195	0.000195	99437.9	19.4	62.57	
29	22	0.000463	0.000463	99196.1	45.9	57.92		22	0.000232	0.000232	99418.5	23.1	61.58	
30	23	0.000478	0.000478	99150.3	47.4	56.95		23	0.000200	0.000200	99395.4	19.8	60.59	
31	24	0.000514	0.000514	99102.8	51.0	55.97		24	0.000215	0.000215	99375.5	21.4	59.60	
32	25	0.000540	0.000540	99051.9	53.4	55.00		25	0.000251	0.000251	99354.2	24.9	58.62	
33	26	0.000567	0.000567	98998.4	56.1	54.03		26	0.000253	0.000253	99329.2	25.2	57.63	
34	27	0.000585	0.000585	98942.3	57.9	53.06		27	0.000290	0.000290	99304.1	28.8	56.65	
35	28	0.000629	0.000629	98884.5	62.2	52.09		28	0.000299	0.000299	99275.3	29.7	55.66	
36	29	0.000657	0.000657	98822.3	64.9	51.13		29	0.000318	0.000318	99245.6	31.6	54.68	
37	30	0.000730	0.000730	98757.4	72.1	50.16		30	0.000374	0.000374	99214.0	37.1	53.70	
38	31	0.000778	0.000778	98685.3	76.8	49.19		31	0.000366	0.000366	99176.9	36.3	52.72	
39	32	0.000775	0.000775	98608.5	76.4	48.23		32	0.000438	0.000438	99140.5	43.4	51.74	
40	33	0.000888	0.000888	98532.1	87.5	47.27		33	0.000472	0.000472	99097.2	46.8	50.76	
41	34	0.000918	0.000917	98444.6	90.3	46.31		34	0.000549	0.000549	99050.4	54.4	49.78	
42	35	0.000990	0.000990	98364.3	97.3	45.35		35	0.000560	0.000560	98996.0	55.4	48.81	

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```
1 strURL ← paste0("https://www.ons.gov.uk/file?",
2                     "uri=%2fpeoplepopulationandcommunity%2fbirthsdeathsandmarriages%2flifeexpectancies%2fdatasets%2fnationallifetables",
3                     "englandreferencetables%2fcurrent/nationallifetables3yreng.xlsx")
4
5 tmp ← tempfile(fileext = ".xlsx")
6 httr::GET(strURL, httr::write_disk(tmp))
7
8 tbLLT ← readxl::read_excel(path  = tmp,
9                             sheet = "2018-2020",
10                            range = "A6:M107")
```

ONS life tables

The University of Manchester

```
# A tibble: 101 × 14
  age...1   mx...2   qx...3   lx...4   dx...5   ex...6 ...7   age...8   mx...9   qx...10  lx...11  dx...12  ex...13    yr
  <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl> <lgl>   <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl>
1     0 0.00425  0.00424 100000  424.    79.3 NA      0 0.00352  0.00352 100000  352.    83.1 2018
2     1 0.000231 0.000231 99576.   23     78.7 NA      1 0.000211 0.000211 99648.   21     82.4 2018
3     2 0.000128 0.000128 99552.   12.7   77.7 NA      2 0.000113 0.000113 99627.   11.3   81.4 2018
4     3 0.000099 0.000099 99540.   9.8    76.7 NA      3 0.000093 0.000093 99616.   9.2    80.4 2018
5     4 0.00009  0.00009  99530    8.9    75.7 NA      4 0.000061 0.000061 99607.   6      79.4 2018
6     5 0.000077 0.000077 99521.   7.6    74.7 NA      5 0.000079 0.000079 99601.   7.8    78.4 2018
7     6 0.000081 0.000081 99513.   8      73.7 NA      6 0.000069 0.000069 99593.   6.9    77.5 2018
8     7 0.000068 0.000068 99505.   6.8    72.7 NA      7 0.000051 0.000051 99586.   5      76.5 2018
9     8 0.000065 0.000065 99499.   6.4    71.7 NA      8 0.000053 0.000053 99581.   5.2    75.5 2018
10    9 0.000062 0.000062 99492.   6.2    70.7 NA      9 0.000056 0.000056 99576.   5.5    74.5 2018
# i 91 more rows
# i Use `print(n = ...)` to see more rows
```

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1 strURL ← paste0("https://www.ons.gov.uk/file?",
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11
12 tbLLT ▷
13   dplyr::select(!c(...7, age...8)) ▷
14   dplyr::rename(age = age...1) ▷
15   tidyr::pivot_longer(cols      = !age,
16                         names_to  = "tmp",
17                         values_to = "val") ▷
18   tidyr::separate(col  = tmp,
19                     into = c("par", "sex")) ▷
20   dplyr::mutate(sex      = ifelse(as.numeric(sex)<7, "Male", "Female")) ▷
21   tidyr::pivot_wider(id_cols  = c(age, sex),
22                       values_from = val,
23                       names_from  = par)
```

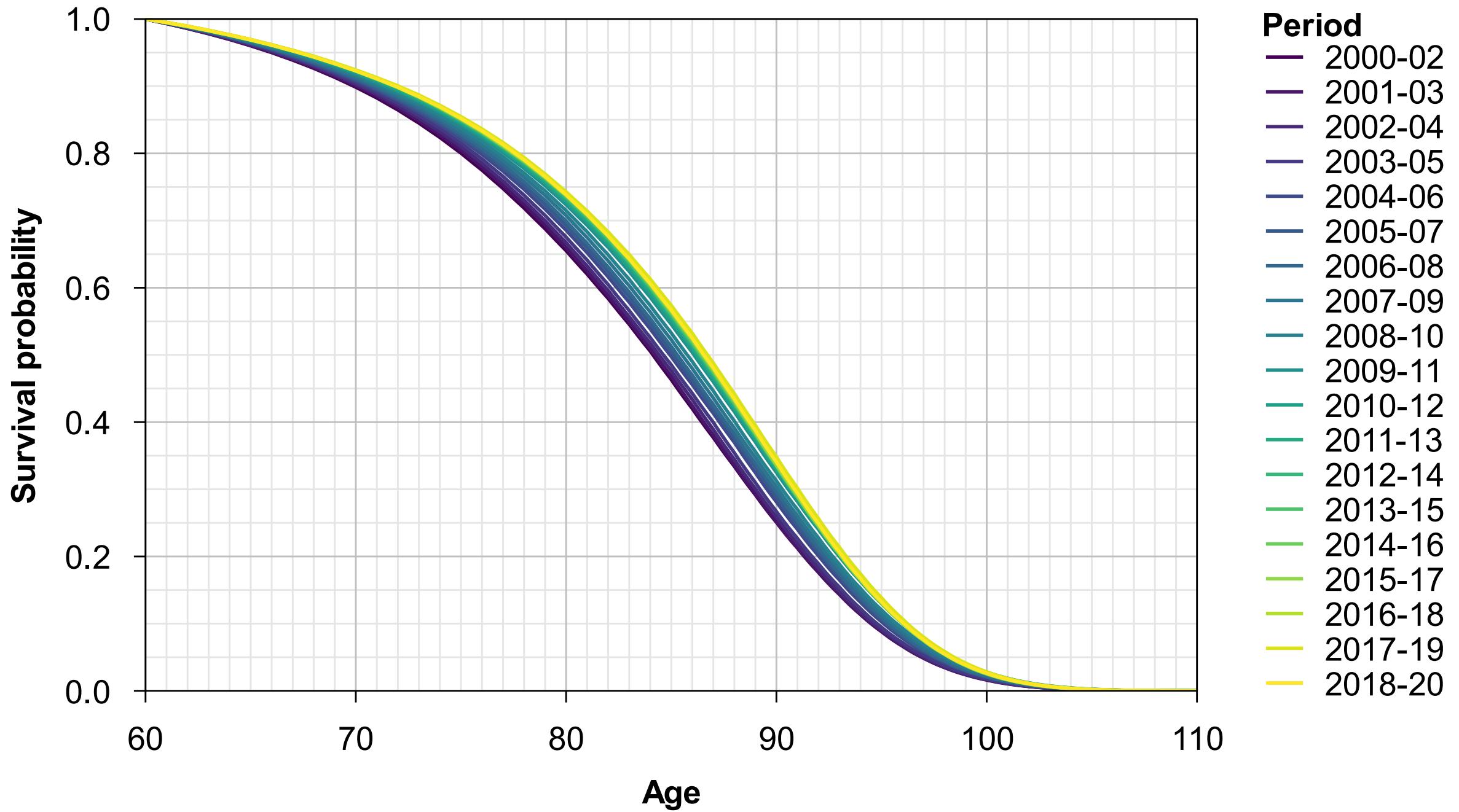
```
# A tibble: 202 × 7
  age   sex      mx      qx      lx      dx      ex
  <dbl> <chr>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>
1     0 Male  0.00425  0.00424 100000  424.    79.3
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8     3 Female 0.000093 0.000093 99616.   9.2    80.4
9     4 Male  0.00009  0.00009  99530    8.9    75.7
10    4 Female 0.000061 0.000061 99607.   6      79.4
# i 192 more rows
# i Use `print(n = ...)` to see more rows
```

ONS life tables

Making it functional

```
1 fnONSLifeTable<- function(years      = 1980:2018,
2                               ages       = 0:100,
3                               sexes      = c("Male", "Female"),
4                               countries  = c("UK", "Eng", "Sco", "Wal", "EngWal"),
5                               spans      = c("3-year", "single year"),
6                               extrapolate = FALSE,
7                               maxExtrap  = 120,
8                               widthExtrap = 10) {
9   countries <- match.arg(countries)
10  spans <- match.arg(spans,
11    "3-year"     = "https://www.ons.gov.uk/file?
uri=%2fpeoplepopulationandcommunity%2fbirthsdeathsandmarriages%2flifeexpectancies%2fdatasets%2fnationallifetables",
12    "single year" = "https://www.ons.gov.uk/file?
uri=%2fpeoplepopulationandcommunity%2fbirthsdeathsandmarriages%2flifeexpectancies%2fdatasets%2fsingleyearlifetablesuk1980to2018%2fsingleye
arlifeTables",
13    switch(spans,
14      "3-year"     = switch(countries,
15        "Eng"       = "englandreferencetables%2fcurrent/nationallifetables3yreng.xlsx",
16        "Sco"       = "scotlandreferencetables%2fcurrent/nationallifetables3yrso.xlsx",
17        "Wal"       = "walesreferencetables%2fcurrent/nationallifetables3yrwal.xlsx",
18        "EngWal"    = "englandandwalesreferencetables%2fcurrent/nationallifetables3yrew.xlsx",
19        "unitedkingdomreferencetables%2fcurrent/nationallifetables3yruk.xlsx"),
20      "single year" = switch(countries,
21        "Eng"       = "england/singleyearlifetablese.xlsx",
22        "Sco"       = "scotland/singleyearlifetabless.xlsx",
23        "Wal"       = "wales/singleyearlifetables1.xlsx",
24        "EngWal"    = "englandandwales/singleyearlifetablesew.xlsx",
25        "uk/singleyearlifetablesuk.xlsx"))
26  GET(url, write_disk(tmp <- tempfile(fileext = ".xlsx")))
27  tblYrs <- tibble(path = tmp,
28    sheet = tmp %>%
29      excel_sheets() %>%
30      str_subset(pattern = if_else(spans=="3-year", "\d{4}-\d{4}", "\d{4}")),
31    range = "A6:H107")
32  tbLLT <- tbLys %>%
33  filter(substr(sheet, 1, 4) %in% years) %>%
34  pmap_dfr(fnReadLifeTable)
```

```
36  tbLLT %>%
37  dplyr::select(!c(...7, age...8)) %>%
38  rename(age = age...1) %>%
39  pivot_longer(cols      = !c(age, yr),
40                names_to = "tmp",
41                values_to = "val") %>%
42  separate(col = tmp,
43            into = c("par", "sex")) %>%
44  mutate(sex = ifelse(as.numeric(sex)<7, "Male", "Female"),
45         year_from = as.numeric(substr(yr, 1, 4)),
46         year_to = year_from + if_else(spans=="3-year", 2, 0)) %>%
47  pivot_wider(id_cols = c(age, year_from, year_to, sex),
48              values_from = val,
49              names_from = par) %>%
50  rowwise() %>%
51  mutate(lx = ifelse(min(ages)==0, lx, NA),
52        dx = ifelse(min(ages)==0, dx, NA)) %>%
53  filter(year_from %in% years,
54         age    %in% ages,
55         sex    %in% sexes) %>%
56  arrange(-year_from, sex, age) %>%
57  group_by(sex, year_from, year_to)
58
59  if (extrapolate) {
60    maxA <- max(tbLLT$age)
61    tbLLT %>%
62    slice_tail(n=widthExtrap) %>%
63    nest() %>%
64    mutate(lm_obj = map(data, ~ lm(log(mx)~log(age), data=.x)),
65          preddat = list(tibble(age = (maxA+1):(maxExtrap+1))),
66          pred = map2(lm_obj, preddat, predict)) %>%
67    unnest(c(preddat, pred)) %>%
68    mutate(mx = exp(pred)) %>%
69    select(:c(data, lm_obj, pred)) %>%
70    bind_rows(tbLLT)
71  }
72  if (extrapolate | min(ages)>0) {
73    tbLLT %>%
74      arrange(-year_from, sex, age) %>%
75      mutate(qx = coalesce(qx, fnRateToProb(mx)),
76             llx = if_else(row_number()==1, 100000, lag(100000*cumprod(1-qx), 1)),
77             lx = coalesce(lx, llx),
78             dx = coalesce(dx, lx*qx),
79             Lx = (lx+lead(lx,1))/2,
80             Tx = rev(cumsum(rev(coalesce(Lx, 0)))),
81             Ex = Tx/lx,
82             ex = coalesce(ex, Ex)) %>%
83      filter(age<=maxExtrap) %>%
84      dplyr::select(!c(llx, Lx, Tx, Ex))
85  }
86  tbLLT %>%
87  ungroup()
88 }
```



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► [NHS reference costs 2004-2005](#) 

► [NHS reference costs 2003-2004](#) 

```

1 fnGetZipCSV <- function(url, csv, subzip = "") {
2   print("Downloading...")
3   zip <- tempfile()
4   GET(url = url,
5        config = write_disk(zip),
6        progress())
7   if (subzip != "") {
8     print("Unzipping subzip...")
9     zip <- unzip(zipfile = zip,
10                  files = subzip,
11                  exdir = dirname(tempdir()),
12                  junkpaths = T)
13   }
14   print("Unzipping...")
15   csv <- unzip(zipfile = zip,
16                 files = csv,
17                 exdir = dirname(tempdir()),
18                 junkpaths = T)
19   unlink(zip)
20   fread(file = csv)
21 }
```

```

1 fnDownloadParseCSV <- function(url, subzip, csv, Yr) {
2   print(Yr)
3   fnGetZipCSV(url = url,
4                subzip = subzip,
5                csv = csv) %!>%
6   fnParseRefCostsCSV(Yr = Yr)
7 }
```

NHS Reference Costs

Making it functional

```

1 fnParseRefCostsCSV <- function(csv, Yr, blnXS = TRUE) {
2   print("Parsing...")
3   csv %>%
4     clean_names(case = "upper_camel") %>%
5     rename(any_of(c(CurrencyCode = "CurrencyCode",
6                   Mean = "NationalMean",
7                   DeptCode = "DepartmentCode",
8                   Activity = "TotalActivity",
9                   OrgCode = "ProviderCode"))) %>%
10    mutate(across(.cols = any_of(c("Activity", "Mean", "ExpectedCost")),
11               .fns = ~ as.numeric(na_if(as.character(.x), "*"))),
12           across(.cols = any_of(c("ServiceCode")),
13                  .fns = ~ as.character(.x)),
14           DeptCode = str_replace_all(DeptCode,
15                                     c("TEI$|EI$" = "EL",
16                                       "TEIXS$|EI_XS$" = "EL_XS",
17                                       "TNEI_L$|NEI_L$" = "NEL",
18                                       "TNEI_L_XS$|NEI_L_XS$" = "NEL_XS",
19                                       "TNEI_S$|NEI_S$" = "NES",
20                                       "TDC$" = "DC",
21                                       "TOPROC" = "OPROC",
22                                       "\\\GTCL" = "CL",
23                                       "\\\GTNCL" = "NCL")))) %>%
24     select(-any_of(c("Memo1", "ScaledMff", "OrganisationName", "DepartmentName", "ServiceName", "CurrencyName"))) %>%
25     add_column(Yr = Yr) %>%
26     as_tibble()
27   if (Yr == 2008) {
28     csv %>%
29       rename(any_of(c(Activity = "Fce",
30                     Activity = "ActivityP1"))) %>%
31       select(-any_of(c("Flag", "ActivityP2", "ActivityP3", "ActivityP4")))
32   if ("BedDays" %in% names(csv)) {
33     csv %>%
34       pivot_longer(cols = contains(c("UnitCost", "Activity")),
35                     names_to = c("tmp1", "tmp2"),
36                     names_pattern = "(.)(UnitCost|Activity)") %>%
37       drop_na(value) %>%
38       mutate(DeptCode = paste0(DeptCode, ifelse(tmp1 == "ExcessBedDays", "_XS", "")),
39             BedDays = ifelse(tmp1 == "ExcessBedDays", NA, BedDays)) %>%
40       pivot_wider(names_from = tmp2,
41                  values_from = value) %>%
42       select(-tmp1)
43   }
44   csv %>%
45     mutate(ActualCost = UnitCost * Activity)
46   }
47   csv %>%
48     bind_rows(tibble(OrgType = character(),
49                SupplierType = character(),
50                UnitCost = numeric(),
51                BedDays = numeric()))
52 }
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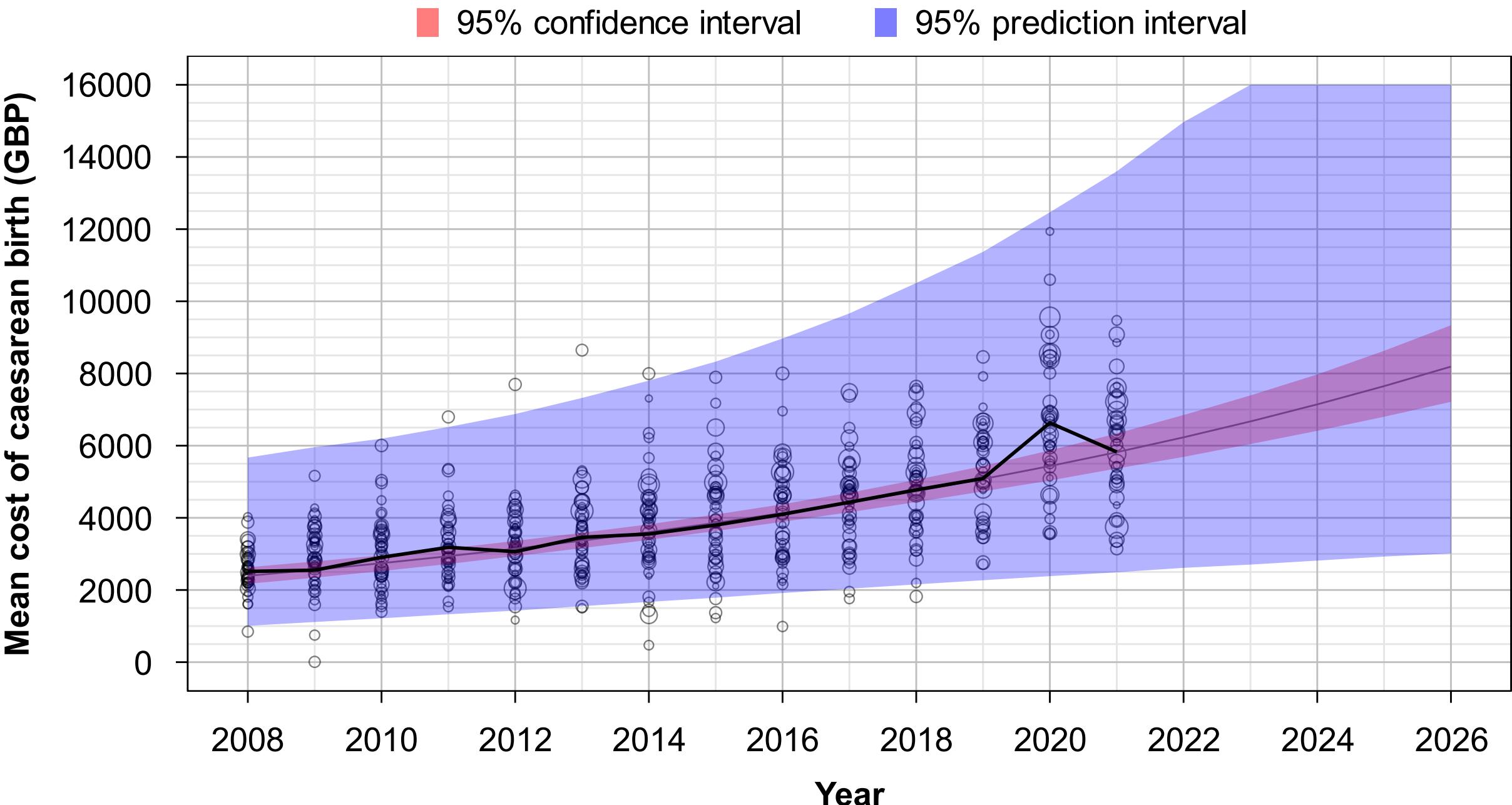
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  Yr      url          csv      subzip
  <chr> <chr>        <chr>    <chr>
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10 2016 https://webarchive.nationalarchives.g... csv061117NoMff (1).csv     "8 - Organisation level source data pa..."
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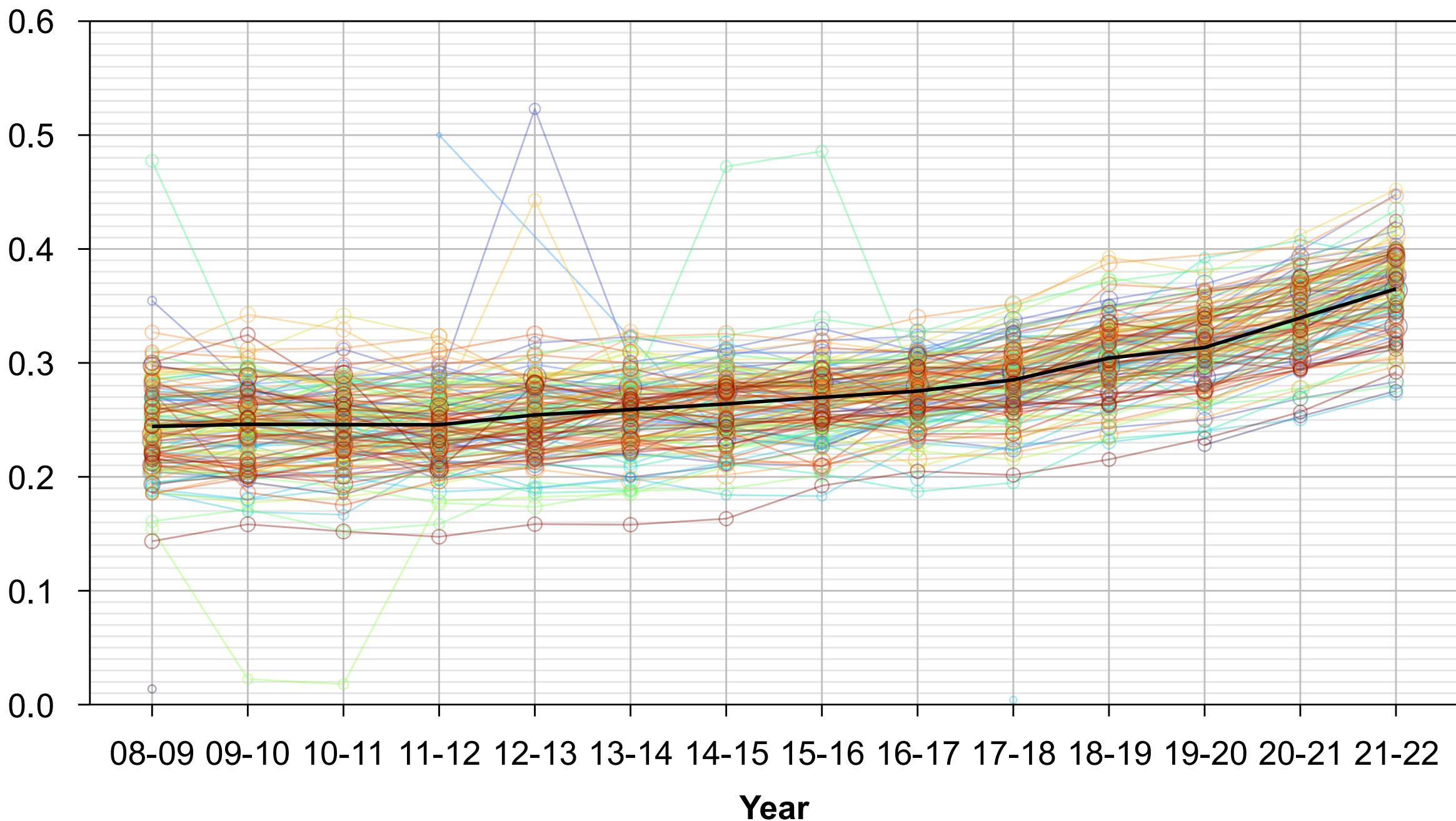
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```
# A tibble: 22,003,039 × 14
  OrgCode SupplierType DeptCode ServiceCode CurrencyCode BedDays    Yr UnitCost Activity ActualCost OrgType  Mean ExpectedCost MappingPot
  <chr>   <chr>      <chr>   <chr>      <chr>       <dbl> <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl> <chr>   <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl>
1 RNJ      OWN        NEL      410       HB23C        4  2008     698      1       698 <NA>     NA      NA <NA>
2 RNJ      OWN        NEL_XS   410       HB23C        NA  2008     254      6      1524 <NA>     NA      NA <NA>
3 RNJ      OWN        NEL      410       HB24C        10 2008    2794.     2      5588. <NA>     NA      NA <NA>
4 RNJ      OWN        NEL_XS   410       HB24C        NA  2008     254     16      4064 <NA>     NA      NA <NA>
5 RNJ      OWN        NEL      410       HD21B        6  2008    2032.     2      4064. <NA>     NA      NA <NA>
6 RNJ      OWN        NEL_XS   410       HD21B        NA  2008     254     10      2540 <NA>     NA      NA <NA>
7 RNJ      OWN        NEL      410       HD21C        3  2008     703      1       703 <NA>     NA      NA <NA>
8 RNJ      OWN        NEL_XS   410       HD21C        NA  2008     254      1       254 <NA>     NA      NA <NA>
9 RNJ      OWN        NEL      410       QZ17B        21 2008    1333.     4      5334. <NA>     NA      NA <NA>
10 RNJ     OWN        NEL     410       SA09F       18 2008    2794.     2      5588. <NA>     NA     NA <NA>
# i 22,003,029 more rows
# i Use `print(n = ...)` to see more rows
```



Proportion of births by Caesarean



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- Anything (even a lovely API) serving XML
 - e.g. DM+D

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Secondary Care Medicines Data (SCMD) with indicative price

Important Update

We have made changes to the Secondary Care Medicines data (SCMD) we publish.

We previously published Secondary Care Medicines Data in two locations on the Open Data Portal. We have consolidated this so that we will only provide version of the SCMD. The version that we have decided to continue to publish is, this version of SCMD, with an indicative price metric. The dataset with indicative price was in the Experiment Area theme and will be moved into the Hospital & Provider Medicines theme. The SCMD without indicative price has now been retired and no further data will be added to that page.

NHS Open Data Portal API

Making it functional

```
1 fnNHSOpenData <- function(dataset = c("EPD", "SCMD"), Year, Month, strSelect = "*", strWhere = "", strGroupBy = "") {  
2   strURL <- "https://opendata.nhsbsa.net/api/3/action/datastore_search_sql?resource_id={res}&sql="  
3   res <- paste0(dataset, "_", Year, sprintf("%02d", Month))  
4   strSQL <- paste("SELECT", strSelect, "FROM `", res, "`")  
5   if (strWhere != "") strSQL <- paste(strSQL, "WHERE", strWhere)  
6   if (strGroupBy != "") strSQL <- paste(strSQL, "GROUP BY", strGroupBy)  
7  
8   url <- glue(strURL, strSQL) %>  
9     URLencode()  
10  
11  tibble(Dataset = res) %>  
12    bind_cols(fromJSON(url)) %>  
13      as_tibble()  
14 }
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3   if (dataset=="SCMD") dataset <- paste0("SCMD_", c("FINAL", "WIP", "PROVISIONAL"))  
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11  for (i in 1:length(url)) {  
12    suppressWarnings(xx <- tryCatch(fromJSON(url[i]), error=function(e) e))  
13    if (!inherits(xx, "error")) {  
14      return(tibble(Dataset = res[i]) ▷  
15             bind_cols(xx$result$result$records ▷  
16                         as_tibble()))  
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ONS life tables

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2                     "uri=%2fpeoplepopulationandcommunity%2fbirthsdeathsandmarriages%2flifeexpectancies%2fdatasets%2fnationallifetables",
3                     "englandreferencetables%2fcurrent/nationallifetables3yreng.xlsx")
4
5 tmp ← tempfile(fileext = ".xlsx")
6 httr::GET(strURL, httr::write_disk(tmp))
7
8 tbLLT ← readxl::read_excel(path  = tmp,
9                             sheet = "2018-2020",
10                            range = "A6:M107")
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2021/22 National Cost Collection data

As in 2020/21, we have not produced a report for this year's National Cost Collection. However, the data itself is published in its entirety, presented in the following ways:

- the national schedules of NHS costs
- the National Cost Collection Index (NCCI)
- the reconciliation statement
- a database of source data

Data spreadsheets

- [National schedule of NHS costs](#) – The main schedule, showing data for the whole range of services provided by provider, including admitted patient care on a finished consultant episode (FCE) basis.
- [The National Cost Collection index \(NCCI\)](#) – The National Cost Collection index (NCCI) is a measure of the relative cost difference between NHS providers.
- [The National Cost Collection index by department and service code](#) – A more granular view of the National Cost Collection index by department and service code.
- [Reconciliation Statement](#) – Shows the adjustments made to get from provider audited financial accounts to their total NCC costs.

2021/22 National Cost Collection data files

- [Organisation level source data part 1](#) – Unadjusted data as submitted by NHS providers in England.
- [Organisation level source data part 2](#) – Market forces factor (MFF) adjusted data.
- [Organisation level source data part 3](#) – Remaining organisational source level data and reference tables.

Please note that amended documentation was issued on 19 May 2023, reflecting updated data quality issues. The [NCC update log](#) gives details of changes made since initial publication.

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All code available at: <https://github.com/gbirlgrs/R-HTA-2023>



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