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Presenter's Abstract

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The Administrative Data Research Centre for England: Making a Methodological Impact

I will first describe the Administrative Data Research Network (ADRN) and the Administrative Data Research Centre for England (ADRC-E). The ADRN was a UK-wide partnership between universities, government departments and agencies, national statistics authorities, the third sector and researchers, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council. As part of the network, the ADRC-E provided research support staff and state-of-the-art secure facilities with access to high-performance computer systems to help accredited researchers carry out social and economic research using linked, functionally anonymised administrative data – information which is routinely collected by government organisations, such as tax, education and health data.

As part of its remit, the ADRC-E also undertook a programme of methodological research. I will second describe a few examples from this programme, including work on guidance about the information that needs to be made available about the data and the representativeness of surveys using a unique dataset linking call record paradata from three UK social surveys to census auxiliary attribute information on sample households.