

The EPIC Participant Advisory Panel met online on Monday 28th March 2022. There were ten participants and four researchers in attendance. Four participants sent their apologies for not being able to attend.

Welcomes (All)

The panel welcomed to the meeting Chunxiao Li, a PhD student is a PhD student working under the supervision of Professor Nicholas Wareham. Her research interest lies in investigating the effects of environmental and behavioural changes, in interaction with a genetic predisposition in type 2 diabetes risk in the general population.

Talk from Prof. Nick Wareham and Chunxiao Li "EPIC-Norfolk update-data linkage"

NW and CL gave a very engaging talk about data linkage in the EPIC-Norfolk study, with particular focus on the diabetes case ascertainment work researchers are currently working on. The process of identifying cases of type 2 diabetes in the EPIC-Norfolk study involves many data sources including information from self-report, medication, hospital episode statistics, retinopathy screening etc. The team have recently applied to link to National Diabetes Audit (NDA) data. This data source is currently held at NHS Digital and would be particularly valuable as it is a national dataset and will allow researchers to follow up participants that reside outside of the Norfolk area, which is a limitation of more local ascertainment sources. The team will include the researcher's intention to link to this data source in the next participant newsletter.

EPIC-Norfolk data releases

AB presented the latest figures on the number of data request received for 2022, these include:

Request type	Internal	External	Total
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Approved data requests (new and additional)	17	45	62
New requests	6	24	30
Additional data requests	11	21	32
Approved sample requests	2	0	2
Requests for variables not available in EPIC-Norfolk	0	0	0
Withdrawn requests	0	3	0
Declined requests	0	0	0

Future meetings

Next meeting is provisionally scheduled for Monday 6th June 2022

Committee agreed that we should move future EPAP meetings to a hybrid format, so that members can meet face to face at the Assembly House, Norwich as well as attend online on zoom.

The next EPAP meeting is scheduled on Monday 6th June 2022 at the Assembly House in Norwich.