

Evaluating the Impact of Devolution - DevoManc

Using data to tackle health inequalities

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In 2016, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority became the first authority in England to sign a devolution deal. From 2017, the authority has budgetary control over £2.6m of health and social care spending.

Presented with this opportunity, providers in the city region have come together to form the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, a strategic body tasked with delivering devolved services.

This project will access **previously unavailable datasets** generated by improved **collaboration** within the city region and through partnership with both innovation and administrative infrastructure.

Research will consider genuinely **locally focused effort** to improve outcomes for some of the **UK's poorest communities** with scale and funding.

The challenge

- Huge area for research – how to narrow down to a field and a topic?
- Accessing data – the richest forms, are also the most confidential and difficult to access.
- Navigating complex, changing organisational structures to find the right people
- Inductive or a Deductive approach?

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There is so much potentially usable data – and many challenges for access so which route will prove the best path towards making a contribution to knowledge? Should a suitable dataset be identified, and then research questions developed, or should an extensive review of literature be conducted to identify areas of interest, and then data be found that can answer the questions which arise?

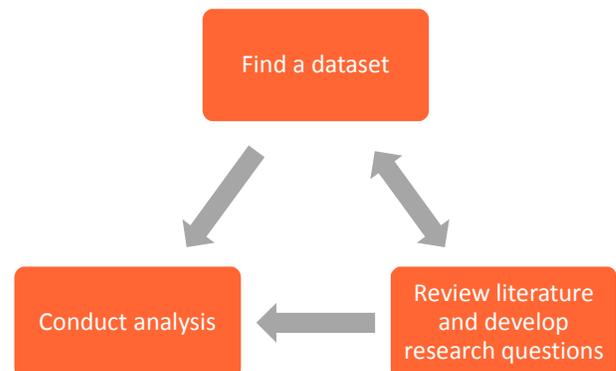
The partners

Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership

- Partnership between 10 councils, primary care and acute care providers
- Opportunity to transform services at a local level, improve outcomes for residents and deliver cost savings
- Hopes to address significant spatial health inequalities

Health Innovation Manchester

- Academic research partnership linking industry, clinicians and researchers.
- Co-exists with the partnership
- Drives forward the adoption of health innovation into daily practice at pace and scale within Greater Manchester.



The analysis process

