



# OpenSAFELY Project Application Feasibility Assessment

*The purpose of this form is to i) provide recommendations to researchers on the feasibility and completeness of their application and ii) provide recommendations to NHS England on the support required and value of the project. This form is designed to be shareable with both these groups.*

Application No. : \_\_\_\_\_ Date of assessment: \_\_\_\_\_

Researcher(s) assessing application: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a re-assessment after changes made based on previous recommendations?

- Yes
- No

If yes, does the application show changes directly related to the recommendations?

- Yes
- No

Notes on updates to application *(to be completed after review)*

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## 1. Completeness and detail

### Project description

Are the below elements clearly described in the project description:

*Please tick all that are clearly described*

- The question(s) the project is intended to answer
- Data sources intended for use in this project
- Cohorts for analysis
- Time period of analysis
- Analytic or statistical methods intended to be used
- Expected outputs

Recommendation

- The project description has been assessed as containing sufficient detail to progress through the application process, or this is a second review for an application

OR

- We recommend the applicant review and update their project description based on the comments below:

Do the sections below contain sufficient detail?

i) Measurable Benefits - detail sufficient for assessment by NHSE

- Yes  
 No

ii) Lay Summary - detail and language sufficient for publication on the OpenSAFELY project site

- Yes  
 No

#### Recommendation

- The project description has been assessed as containing sufficient detail to progress through the application process, or this is a second review for an application
- We recommend the applicant review and update their application based on the comments below:

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## **2. Data and methods**

Are the elements below, as detailed in the project description, available and likely to be feasible in OpenSAFELY?

i) Data sources

- Yes  
 No  
 Maybe (*see recommendations*)

ii) Variables / Cohorts / Characteristics

- Yes  
 No  
 Maybe (*see recommendations*)

iii) Methods

- Yes
- No
- Maybe (*see recommendations*)

iv) Technical tools

- Yes
- No
- Maybe (*see recommendations*)

v) Other (please provide details)

- Yes
- No
- Maybe (*see recommendations*)

Recommendation

- The project description has been assessed as likely to be feasible, and can progress through the application process, or this is a second review for an application
- The project as it is currently described is not feasible, in whole or significant part, in OpenSAFELY
- We recommend the applicant review and update their application based on the comments below:

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### 3. Project team assessment

Does the proposed project contain:

i) At least one Full OpenSAFELY User with previous experience using OpenSAFELY (submitting a job on the OpenSAFELY Job Server)?

- Yes
- No

If no, then;

ii) At least one Full OpenSAFELY User with previous experience of working with Electronic Health Record (EHR) data?

*This can include administrative health care records such as SUS, or similar.*

- Yes
- No

iii) At least one Full OpenSAFELY User with previous experience using a relevant script-based coding language (R, Python or Stata)?

- Yes
- No

Recommendation

- The proposed project team contains the required experience level to conduct an OpenSAFELY project and can progress through the application process, or this is a second review for an application
- The project team does not contain the required experience level to conduct research in OpenSAFELY
- We recommend the applicant review and update their project team to include the required skill sets. Notes below. *Please contact [team@opensafely.org](mailto:team@opensafely.org) if you need support with this.*

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