## **Introduction to Grampian Data Safe Haven Transcript**

The Grampian Data Safe Haven (DaSH) facilitates the safe handling of linked datasets containing sensitive personal data. It is a Scottish Government accredited Safe Haven. Safe Havens increase the opportunities for research, whilst decreasing the risk to data confidentiality. This is done by providing:

* A Safe Setting, which includes secure computing, good governance, and a secure location.
* Safe People, who are researchers experienced in linkage or have an experienced supervisor and everyone is trained in information governance.
* Safe Projects, that is projects and have valid research and have all the appropriate approvals.
* Safe Outputs, these are research results where individual patients are not identifiable.

So, what is the process?

Data from one or more source is accepted into DaSH where it is pseudonymised and linked. Researchers can then access the data in DaSH and manipulate it to meet their desired research objectives. A range of tools and software to facilitate this are available in the DaSH.

Permissions permitting, you can access DaSH off-campus. Each project has its own project folder, which only named, approved, and trained researchers can access. Any movement of data, syntax, or other documents is controlled by DaSH. There is no access to the internet. Aggregated results are disclosure checked before leaving DaSH to ensure no individual patient data is released.

This environment enables the researcher to work safely, in the knowledge that the data is protected and uncompromised, giving confidence to the custodians of the datasets to allow access to the data and to reassure members of the public that their data is held securely and their privacy is protected.

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