# Using routine data for recruitment and follow-up in large-scale clinical studies

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#### Who?

- HPS (Randomised 20,000)
- SEARCH (Randomised 12,000)
- ASCEND (Randomised over 10,000)
- THRIVE (Randomised 25,000, 8,000 in the UK)
- BIOBANK (Recruited 500,000)



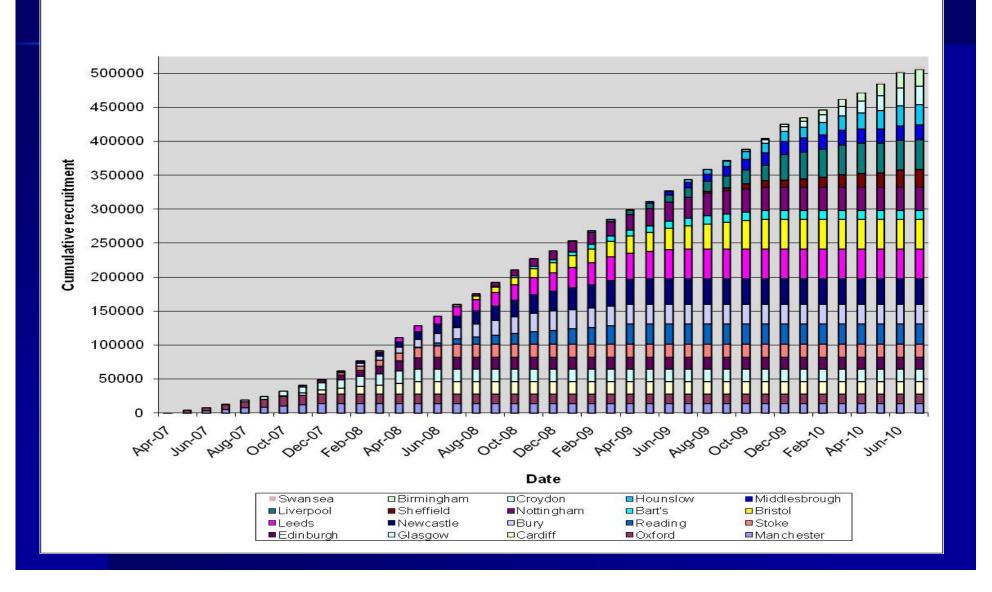
#### **UK BIOBANK**

- Prospective trial.
- Aim to recruit 500,000 across ~20 sites.
- Inclusion criteria: age 40-70
- Sent ~9M invites to people within the catchment area of an assessment centre.
  - → Automation Essential

#### **UKB Process**

- Acquire data
- Clean data, allocate to assessment centre.
- Invite to fill centre.
- Other stuff...

## **UKB Recruitment**



#### **THRIVE**

- Study in patients with heart related problems.
- Randomised 25,000 (8,000 in UK).
- Many assessment centres.
- Recruitment via local datasets.
- → Dealt with over 170 individual data cleaning exercises. No two trusts the same.

#### **ASCEND**

- Study in diabetics.
- Postal no assessment centres.
- Recruitment via multiple routes.
- → Lack of central access makes this study very hard.

# **Long Term Follow-Up?**

■ It could be worse...





## **Long Term Follow Up**

- Death Registries
- Cancer Registries
- HES Data
- Other data sources

■ → Importance of unique identifiers

# Current THRIVE Follow-Up Processes

- Via the patient (not always reliable)
- Via the local site/nurse (can be problematic...)
- Some registries

Not as practical for UKB or ASCEND.

#### Conclusion

- Existing registries can be very useful in Long Term Follow-Up and recruitment
  - Cheaper
  - Easier
  - Less intrusive
  - More comprehensive

### And we're done...

• Questions?