Millennium Cohort Study (MCS) linked education administrative dataset

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Overview

Consent and linkage

Content of data deposit

Access to datasets

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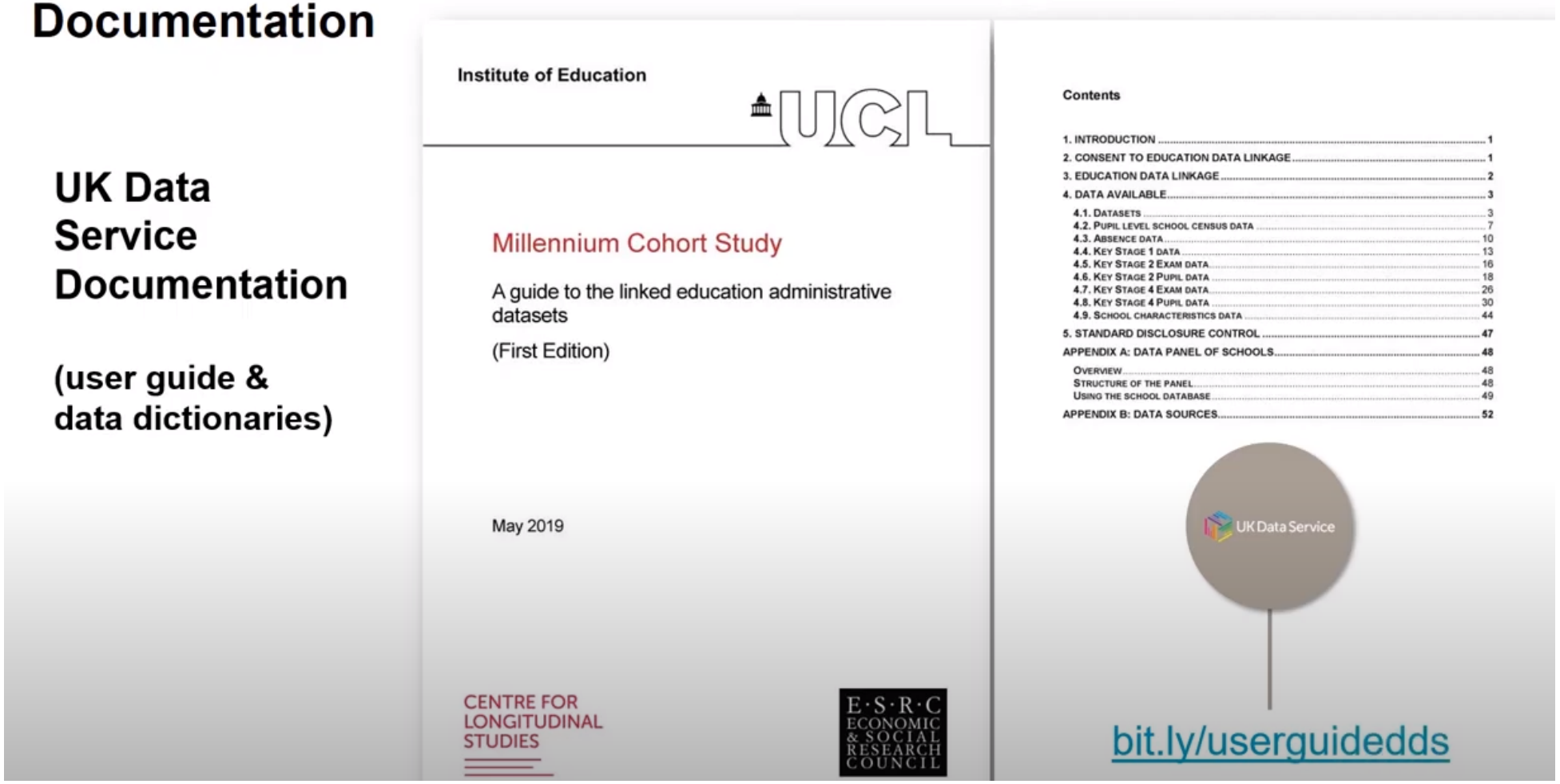
Documentation

UK Data Service Documentation

(user guide & data dictionaries)



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A guide to the linked education administrative datasets

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NPD Data Table (October 2017)

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Datasets

Pupil-Level datasets	School-level datasets (Tier 3)
PLASC/School Census	School-level Census
Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) Census	Key Stage 2 Performance Tables
Early Years Census	Key Stage 4 Performance Tables
Alternative Provision Census	Key Stage 5 Performance Tables
Early Years Foundation Stage Profile	Key Stage 1 NPD aggregated
Phonics	Key Stage 2 NPD aggregated
Key Stage 1	Key Stage 3 NPD aggregated
Key Stage 2	Key Stage 4 NPD aggregated
Year 7 tests	Level 3 value added
Key Stage 3	School Census (LEASIS)
Key Stage 4	Absence
Key Stage 5	School Capacity
Children in Need	Geographical Reference Tables
Children Looked After	School-level Expenditure
Absence	Institution History
Pupil Addresses	Institution Link
Exclusions 2001-02 to 2004-05	
Exclusions 2005-06 onwards	
Post-16 Learning Aims (PLAMS)	
National Client Caseload Information	
Independent Specialist Providers	

Participant consent and education data linkage (I)

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Participant consent and education data linkage (II)

Number of participants resident in England at MCS3, MCS4 or MCS5	**9047**
Number with valid consent	**8489**
Number with linked NPD data	**8438**

Linkage rate of 99.4%

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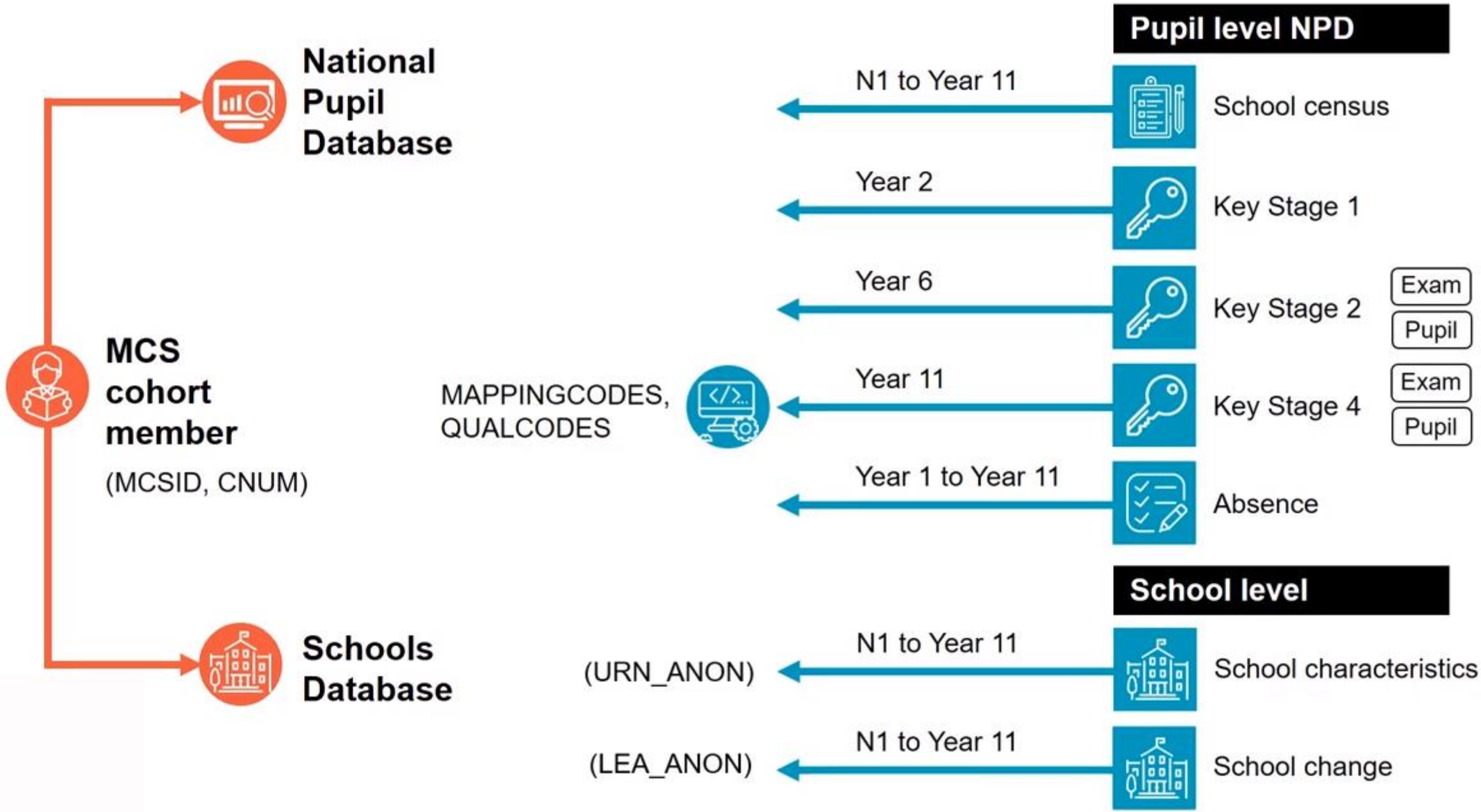
National Pupil Database
MCS cohort member
(MCSID, CNUM)
Schools Database
Pupil level NPD
N1 to Year 11
School census
Year 2
Key Stage 1
Year 6
Key Stage 2
Exam
Pupil
MAPPINGCODES, QUALCODES
Year 11
Key Stage 4
Exam
Pupil
Year 1 to Year 11
Absence
School level
N1 to Year 11
(URN_ANON)
School characteristics
N1 to Year 11
(LEA_ANON)
School change

Accessing the data

- Due to the sensitivity of data [in SN8481], this dataset is **only** accessible under Secure Access conditions through the UK Data Service Secure Lab.
- In order to have access to the data and as part of the application process:
  - you must be based in a UK organisation
  - you must be an accredited researcher to use **ONS data** or apply to be one as part of the project application **or** you must fill in the accredited researcher form each time you apply to access **ESRC data**
  - your User Agreement must be authorised and signed by someone who can take legal responsibility on behalf of your institution
  - your application must be approved by the data owner
  - you must have attended and passed a Safe Researcher training course (a place on this course can be offered as part of the application process)
  - you must be able to access the data from a suitable safe environment that meets the UK Data Service's security requirements

Accessing the data

- For more information **on how to apply** for access, please visit https://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/get-data/how-to-access/accesssecurelab
- If you have any **enquiries regarding the application process**, please contact the UK Data Service via their 'Accessing data' web form: https://beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/help?id=accessingData.
- Alternatively, the UK Data Service can be contacted via email at help@ukdataservice.ac.uk, or by telephone on 01206 872143.

Timescales

All applications must be validated and processed by the UK Data Service and then approved by the data owners. The UK Data Service works through a high volume of applications throughout the year. The UK Data Service endeavour to process applications as soon as possible but each application may take a number of months from start to finish.