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Progress and challenges in
tackling the barriers to data
access and linkage

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SHIP Guiding Principles and Best Practices

A document of the SHIP Information Governance Working Group

The objectives of this document

This document is a statement of best practice arising from discussions with the SHIP project. It is intended to guide SHIP while also providing evidence

This is a living instrument and its content will be updated as inspiration includes the OECD. The Scottish Government adopts the Principles and Best Practices for data sharing and linkage (NHS) as part of the SHIP project

Joined-up data for better decisions

Guiding Principles for Data Linkage

A Scotland-wide Data Linkage Framework for Statistics and Research

Consultation Paper on the Aims and Guiding Principles

Version 1.0



Joined up data for better decisions: A strategy for improving data access and analysis

Public Services and Government



Public Acceptability of Cross-Sectoral Data Linkage

Deliberative Research Findings



Public Acceptability of Data Sharing Between the Public, Private and Third Sectors for Research Purposes



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Four barriers recognised in our strategy requiring action:

Incomplete data, or data that cannot be linked

Limited capacity of public sector organisations to analyse and make use of linked data

Uncertainty about the legalities and public acceptability of data sharing and linkage

Limited capacity for secure exchange and access to data

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