

DARS Service Charges – 2016/17

The HSCIC is publicly funded and we therefore operate on a cost recovery basis. We do not charge for data itself but we do apply charges to cover the costs of processing and delivering our service.

We have greatly simplified the way in which we charge for using DARS - making it easier for you to estimate the cost of your request prior to submitting an application, and ensure that charges are applied fairly and consistently.

Charges are calculated on four key service components: The type of application; The amount of data requested; The specific activity required;; and The number of times throughout the year that you require the data to be provided.

So they are broadly determined by the amount of effort and approvals required.

The examples below are indicative charges for the different elements of each product. **Actual costs will be confirmed during the application process and formally agreed before work commences.**

Service components		Unit cost
Application type	New Application	£1000
	Amendment	£800
	Renewal	£800
	Extension	£800
	Annual Review	£500
	HDIS Access	£3700 for first user; £2500 for each subsequent user.
Volumes	Years per data set	£300 per year per data set
Activity	Bespoke Linkage	£2000
	Tabulation	£800
	Standard Extract Service	£10000
	Automatching per 50,000 records	£400
	Manual matching up to 500 manual matches	£250 per 100 records
	Manual matching >500 matches	Subject to each application
Releases	Frequency of dissemination (eg one off / monthly / quarterly)	£900 per release
	Frequency of notification for Medical Research Information Service (MRIS) users	£160 per release
Sub-licensing	Per repeat agreement	£5000

These fees will be charged for all requests requiring a Data Sharing Agreement (DSA). Where applications are made for multiple products under the same DSA, only one application fee will be applied. In circumstances where a DSA is provided for a duration of more than one year, an annual review fee will be charged as part of the initial cost for the number of years covered under the DSA.