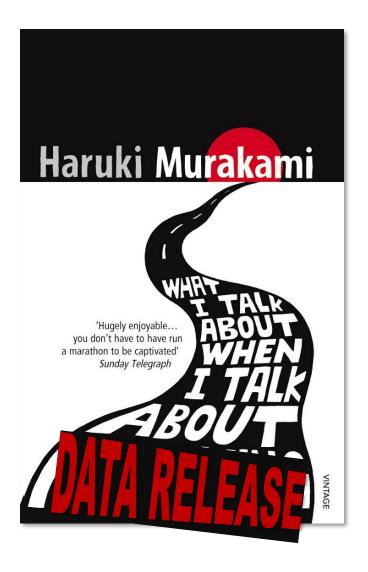


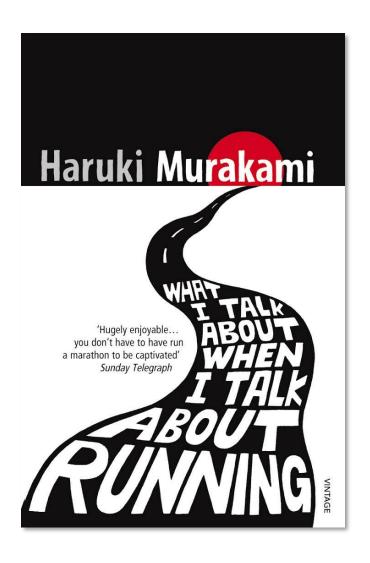
Protecting and improving the nation's health

#### What I talk about when I talk about data release

Sean McPhail, Senior Analyst, National Cancer Intelligence Network



(With apologies to Haruki Murakami)









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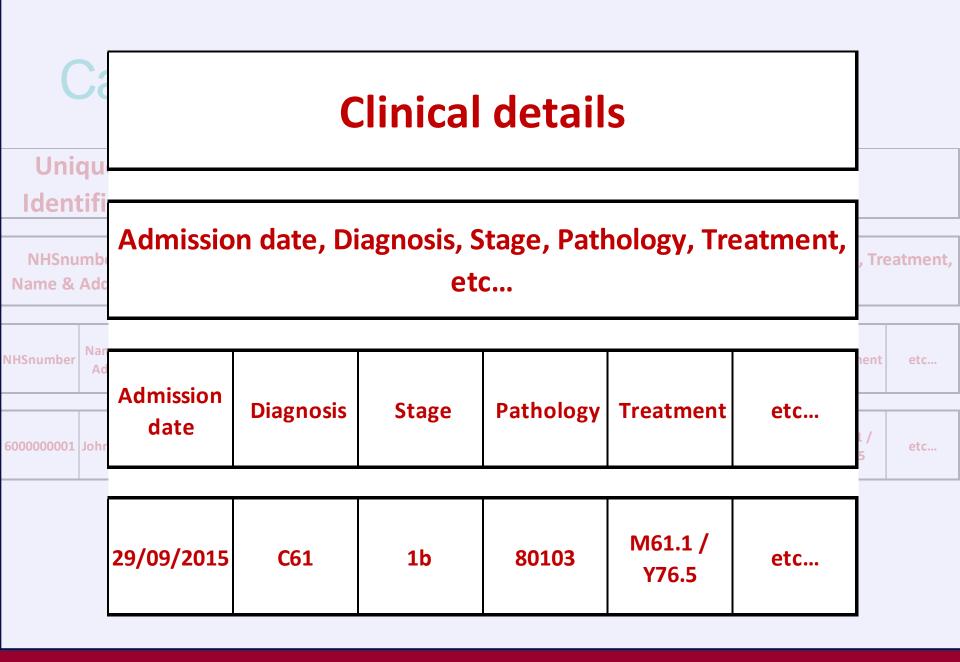
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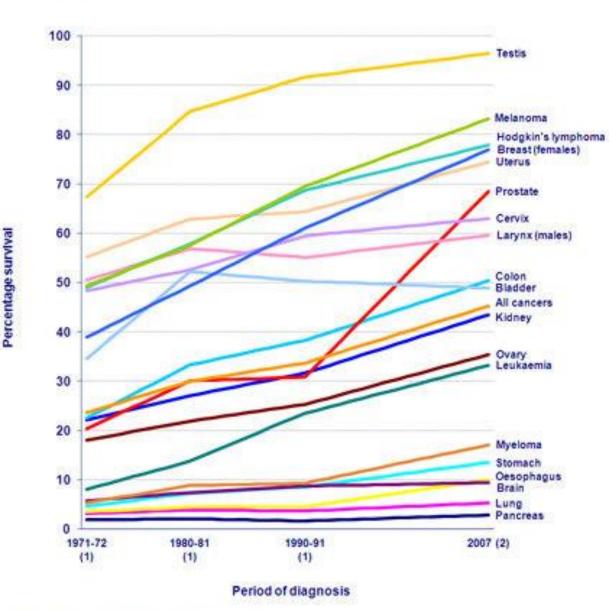




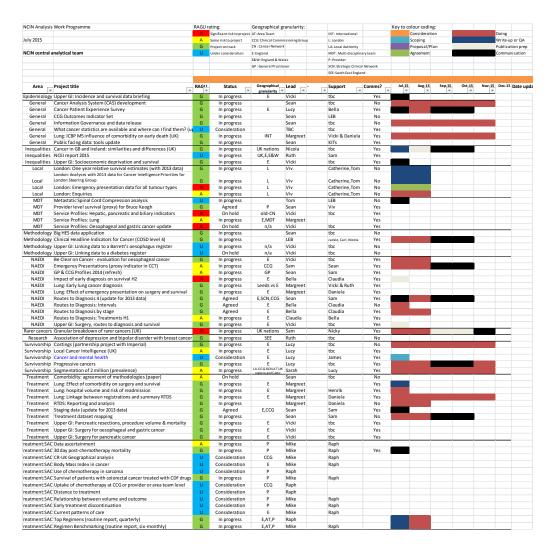
#### The Reward

10-year cancer survival is increasing, in many cancers, by up to about 1% a year.

Figure 1.2: Ten year relative survival (%), adults (15-99 years), selected cancers, England and Wales: survival trends for selected cancers 1971-2007



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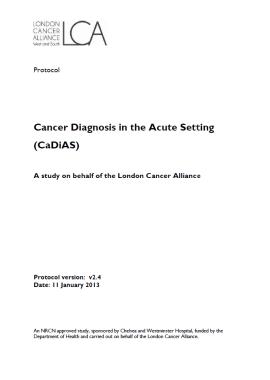
40+ people 100++ projects

Plus... CRUK & Macmillan, dozens of academic groups, 100s of researchers.

Public domain?

## The Reward – Routes to Diagnosis





43 citations.

Dozens of secondary projects.

Change of policy direction at a national level.



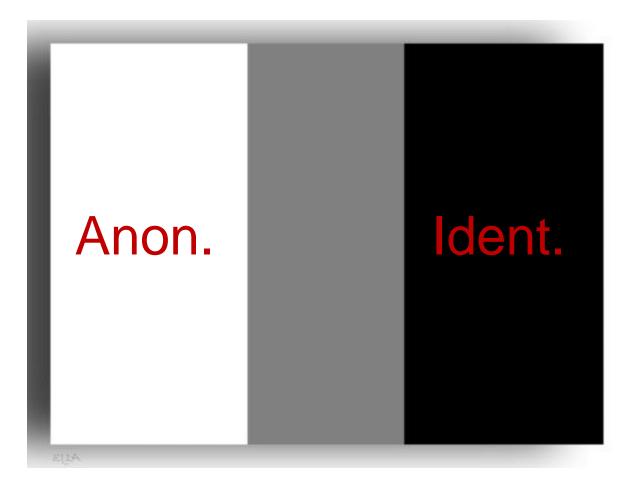


## Categorising data releases



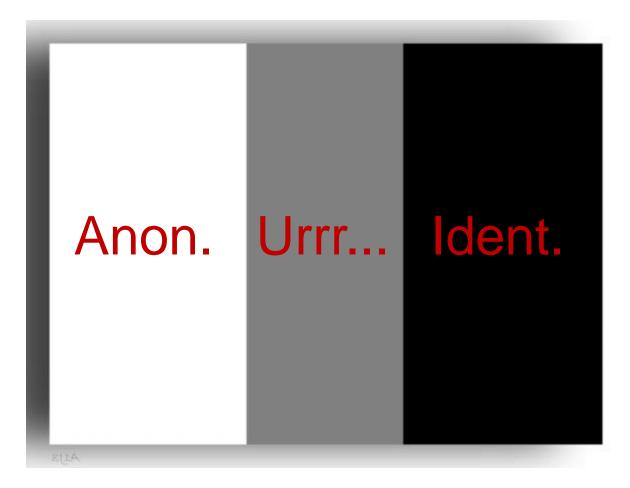
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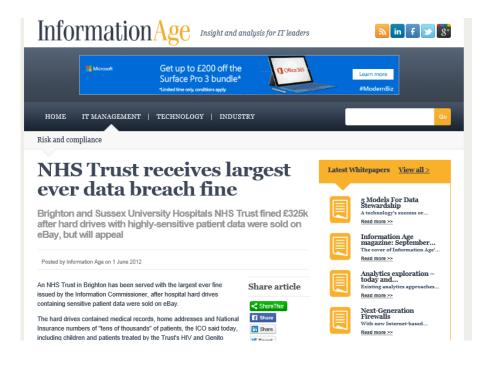


#### Hazard and risk

Hazard: the danger

Risk: the chance that that hazard occurs

#### The hazard here





### **Intruders**



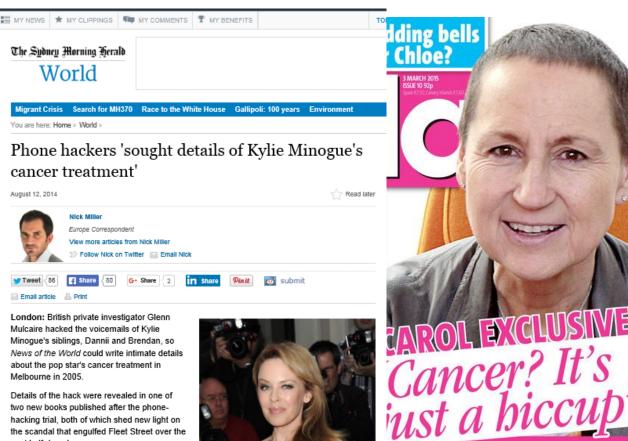








## Heat magazine & re-identification



past half-decade.

investigation.

charges.

covers six years of his reportage and

James Hanning, is co-written by Glenn Mulcaire, the News of the World's private investigator who was twice convicted for

phone hacking, and whose notes and emails were vital evidence in convicting four senior

News of the World editors on phone hacking



Kylie Minogue's siblings were hacked for news about the pop-star's cancer treatment. Photo: Getty

down in tears...



PRINCESS KATE'S 'STRESSFUL' PREGNANCY

#### Slivers



## Existing data in the public domain





## When it's gone, it's gone

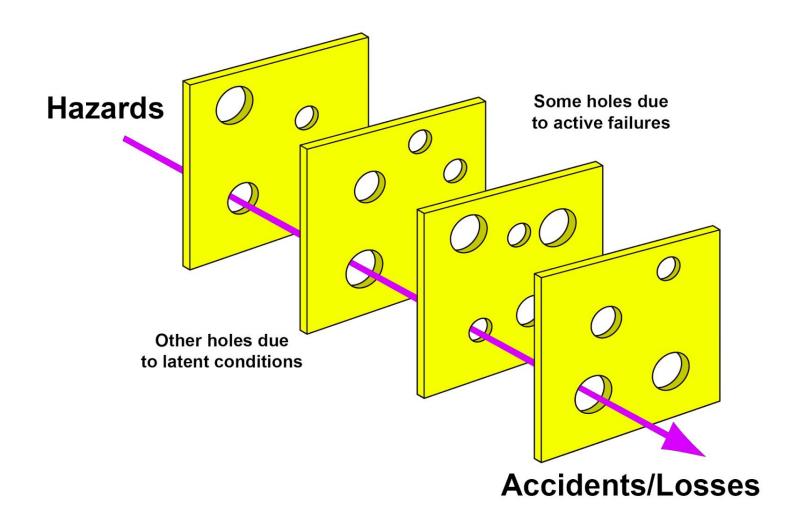


## The cloud





#### Swiss cheese accident model



### **Controls - Isolation**



## **Controls - Aggregation**



## Controls – Anonymisation

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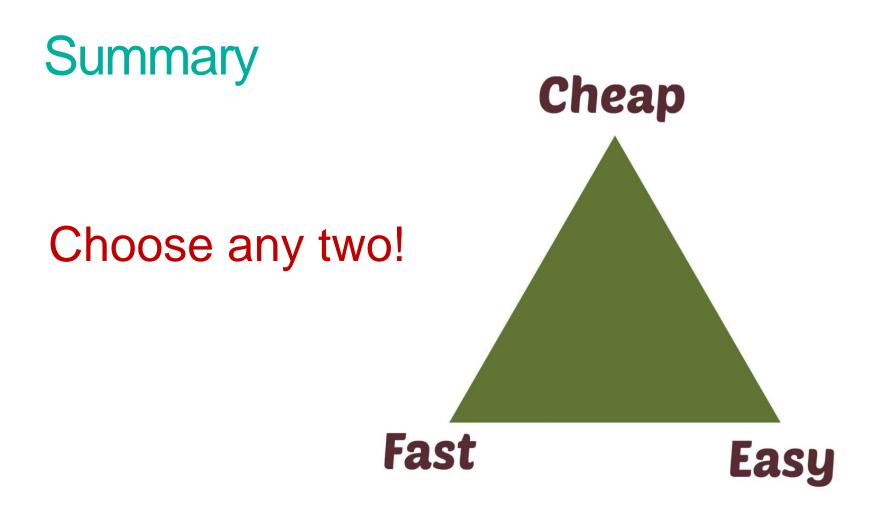
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## Risk vs reward – applying controls

As the controls increase the risk decreases...

but

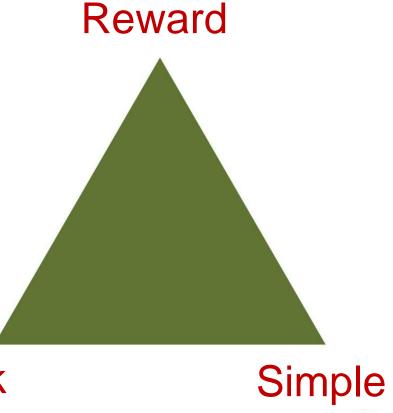
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# Summary

Choose any two! Find the optimum

Low risk



## Thank you for listening



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