

Data sharing in the public sector

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Sharing the benefits

How to use data effectively
in the public sector

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About the project

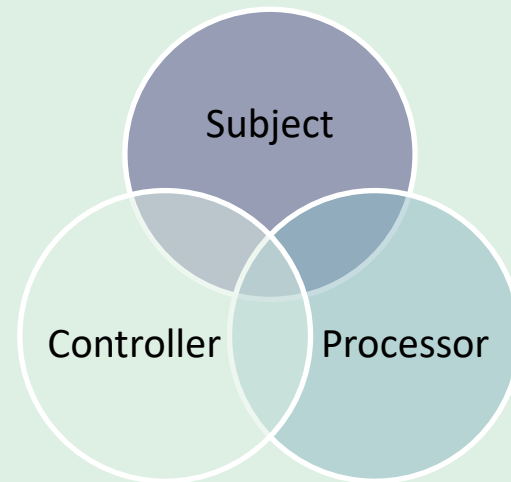
- > Authors
- > 8-9 months
- > Approximately 30 interviews
- > Advisory board
- > 3 external reviewers

Why this project?

- > Internal reasons
 - > Explore implications of recommendations made in other reports
- > External reasons
 - > 1999 Modernising Government white paper
 - > 2005 Transformational Government white paper
 - > 2016 Better Use of Data in Government
- > Is it just all talk and no action ?

Defining data sharing

- > “Disclosure of data from one or more organisations to a third-party organisation or organisations, or the sharing of data between different parts of an organisation.”
- > **Transactional relationship** between:



- > Rights and obligations enshrined in the **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**.
- > **Purpose of sharing data** within and between public-sector bodies **can vary**.
- > Data sharing should be about **access** and **not transfer**.

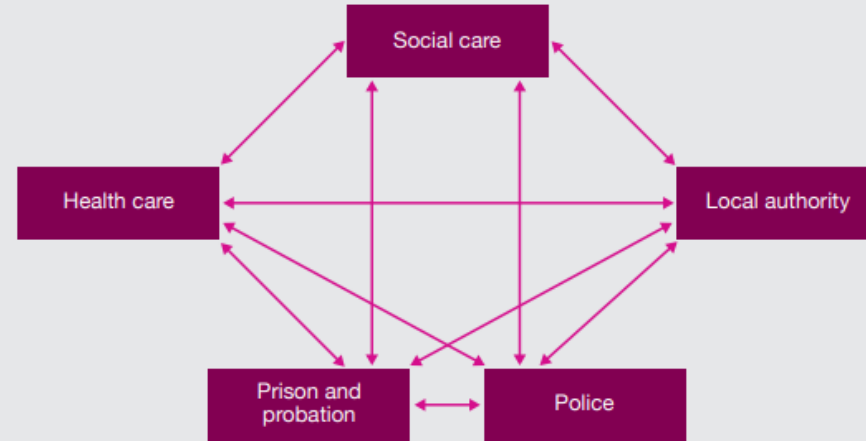
Benefits of multi-agency sharing

Figure 1: Troubled Families in Staffordshire

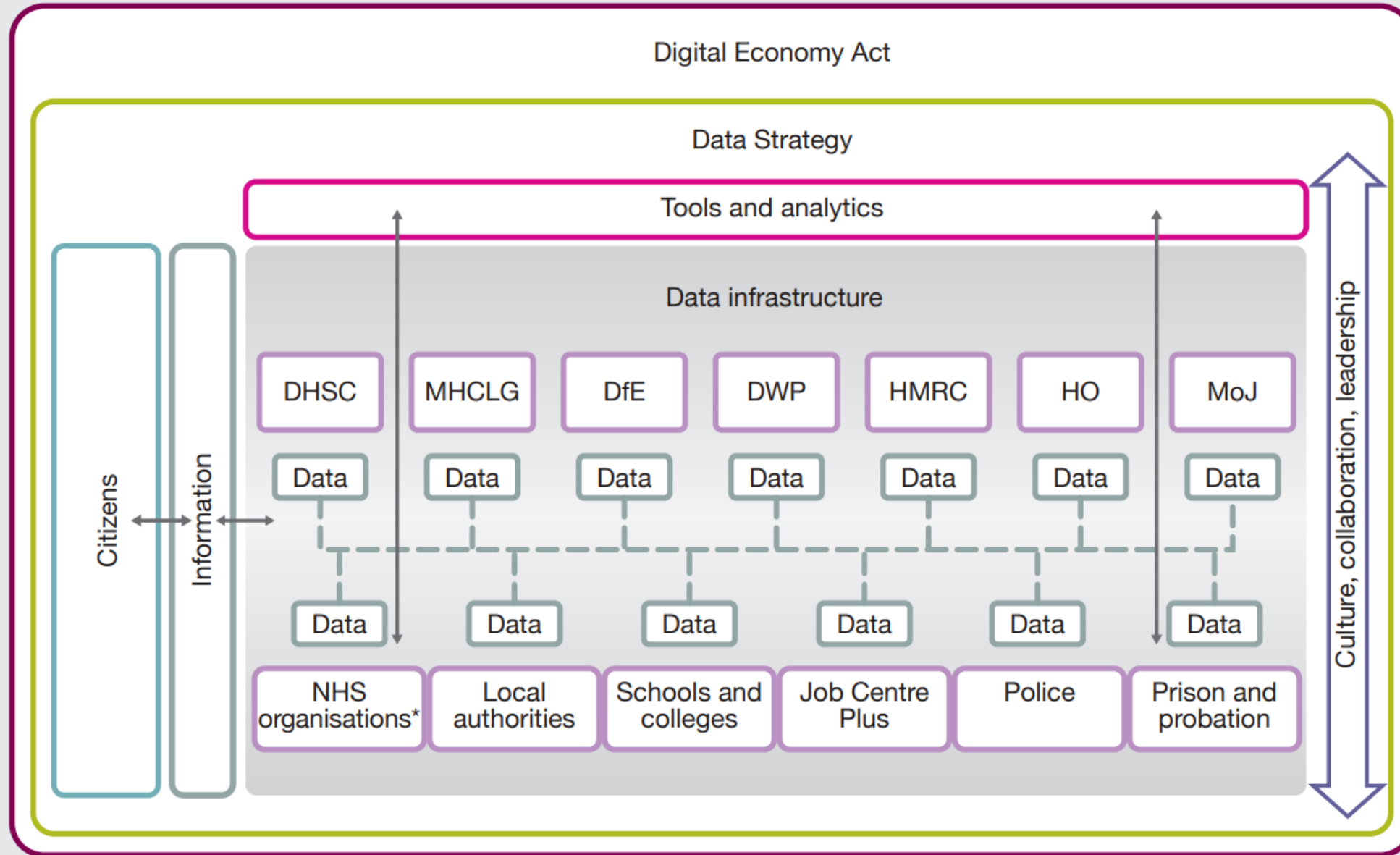
The sharing of personal data can help meet the Government's aims of reducing fragmentation between public bodies and designing services tailored to the individual. In Staffordshire, the 'Building Resilient Families and Communities' (BRFC) project – the local vision for its Troubled Families Programme – uses personal data across services to improve their design. The programme identified mental-health problems as a key issue facing the local area²¹ and as a result, the BRFC signed an Information Sharing Agreement with South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to provide a legal basis for the sharing of mental-health data. This agreement has enabled the BRFC to direct resources more effectively and provide mental-health training for frontline BRFC workers and a new relationship with the local Mental Health Trust to improve referrals.²²

Figure 4: Tackling homelessness in Bristol

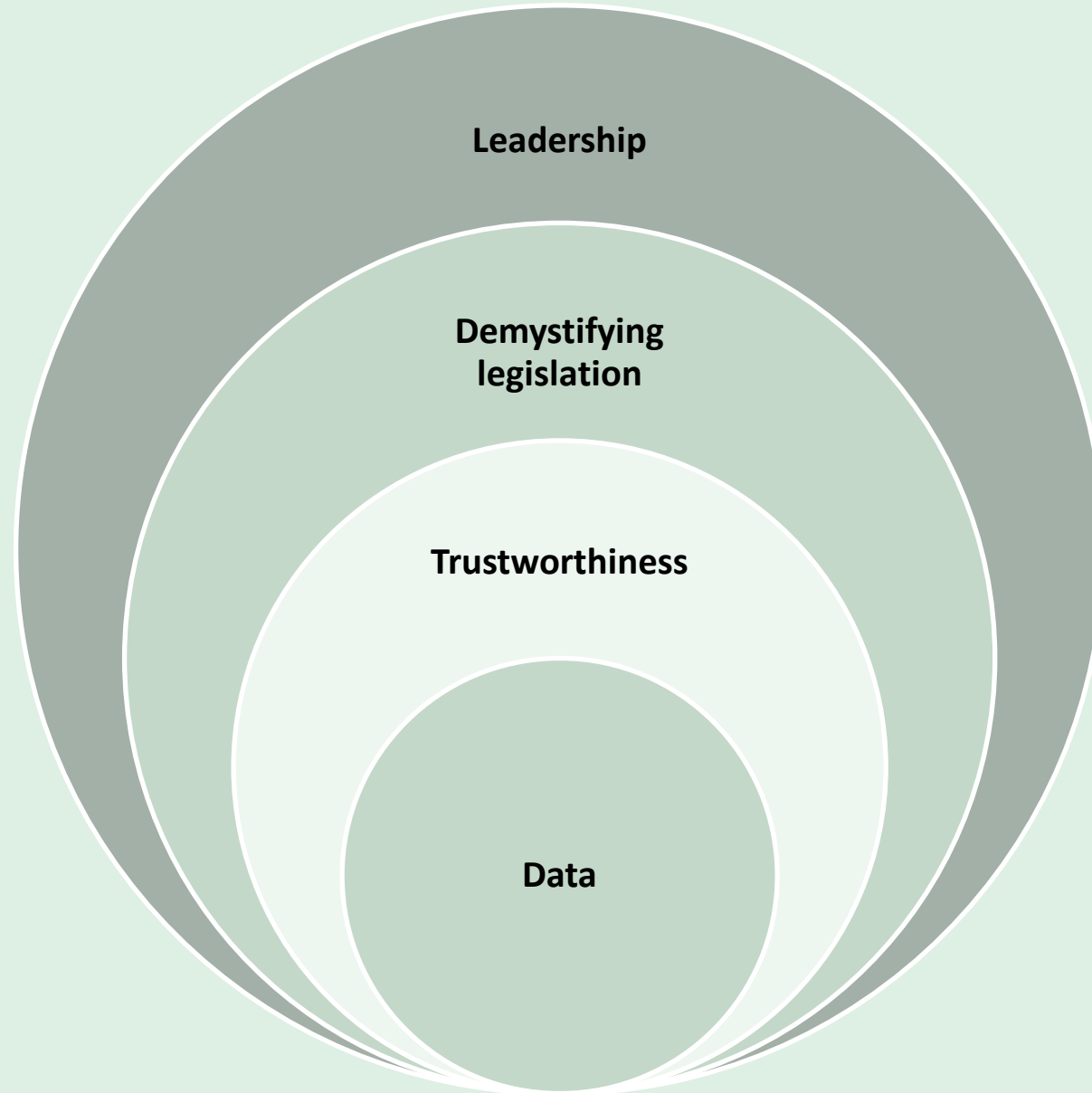
Bristol's Homeless Health Service allows access to medical, psychiatric, social and prison data, helping to provide a clearer picture of the complex issues facing the city's homeless population.³⁹



The missing layer



Overcoming the barriers

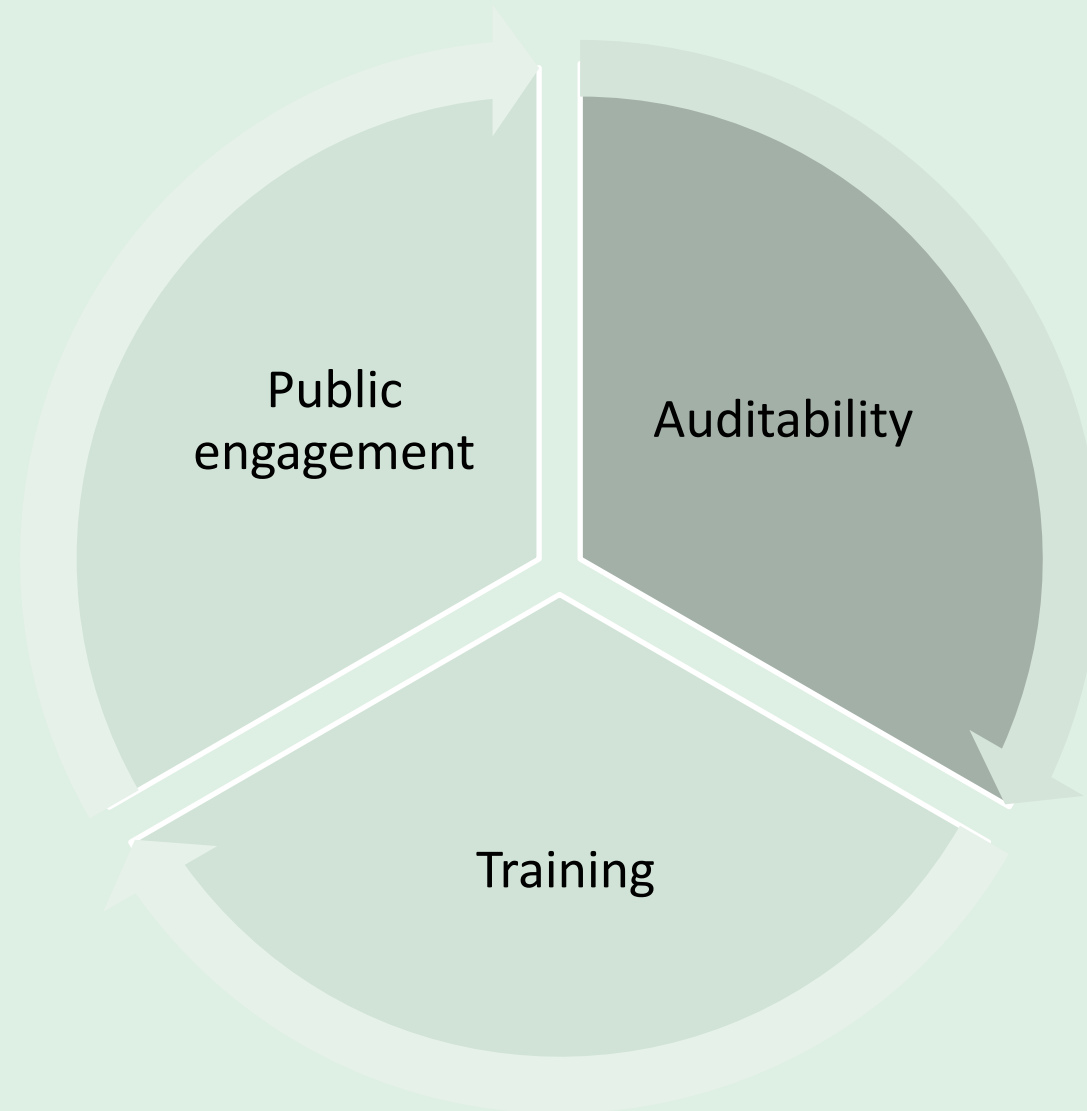


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