Health and Homelessness data linkage - project update

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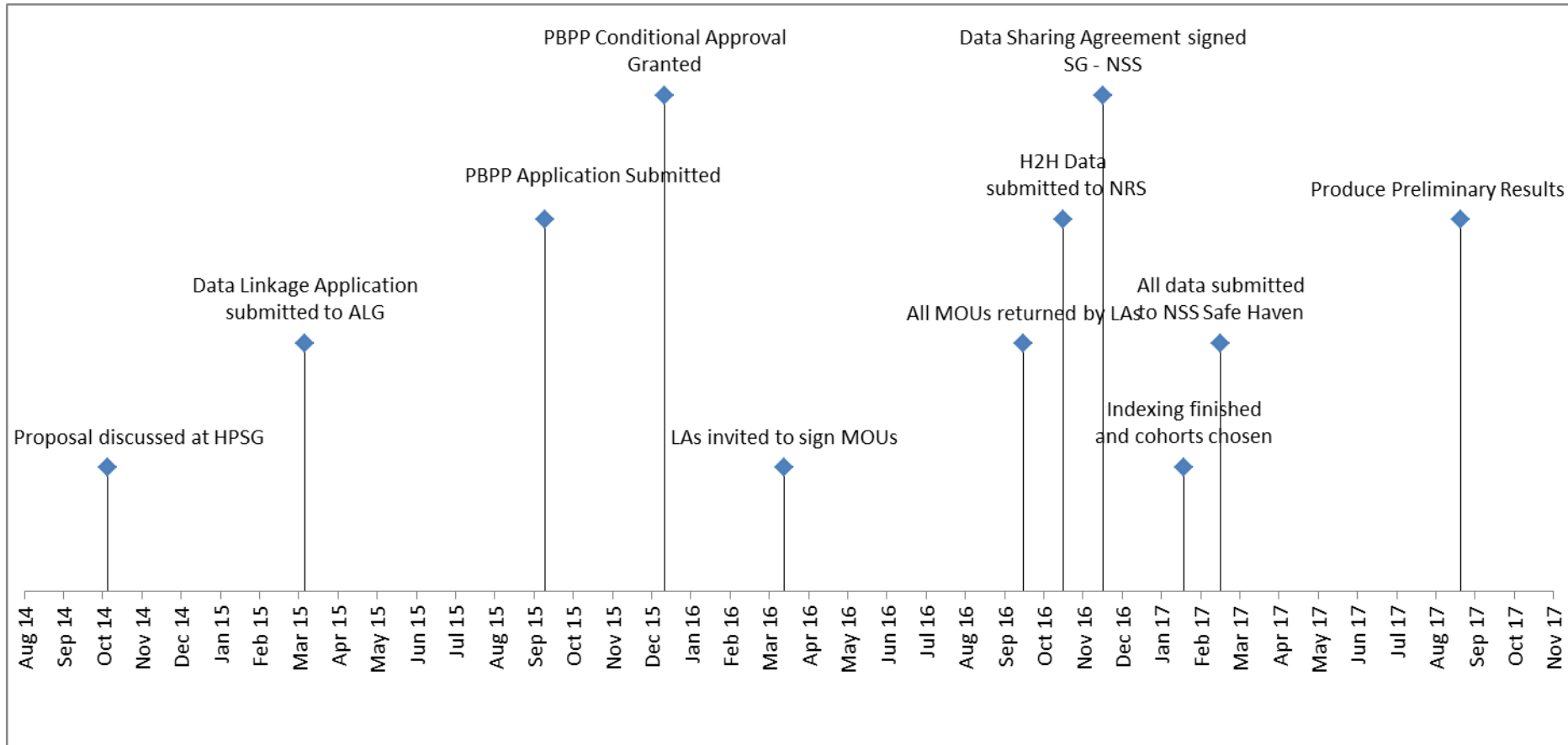
What we are linking

Homelessness Data

- Homelessness Data (HL1)
- Housing Options (PREVENT1)

Health Data

- Accident and Emergency (A&E2)
- Inpatient and Day Cases (SMR01).
- Mental Health (SMR04).
- Outpatients (SMR00)
- PIS Prescribing Information
- The Scottish Drugs Misuse Database (SMR24 and SMR25a)
- NRS Deaths

Timescales

The Cohorts

- Around 600k homelessness applications, containing 560k unique people

- Matched cohorts contain c 1.7 million from 20% least deprived and 20% most deprived (taken from across Scotland and not within LA).

- Study covers just under 2.2 million people.

Priorities

- Analysis of Homelessness data only, rather than PREVENT1

- For each health dataset, how many times have homeless people accessed the service compared with the cohorts.

- How many homeless people have complex needs. What's the relationship between this and repeat homelessness

- Aiming for initial findings by end Summer 2017.

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