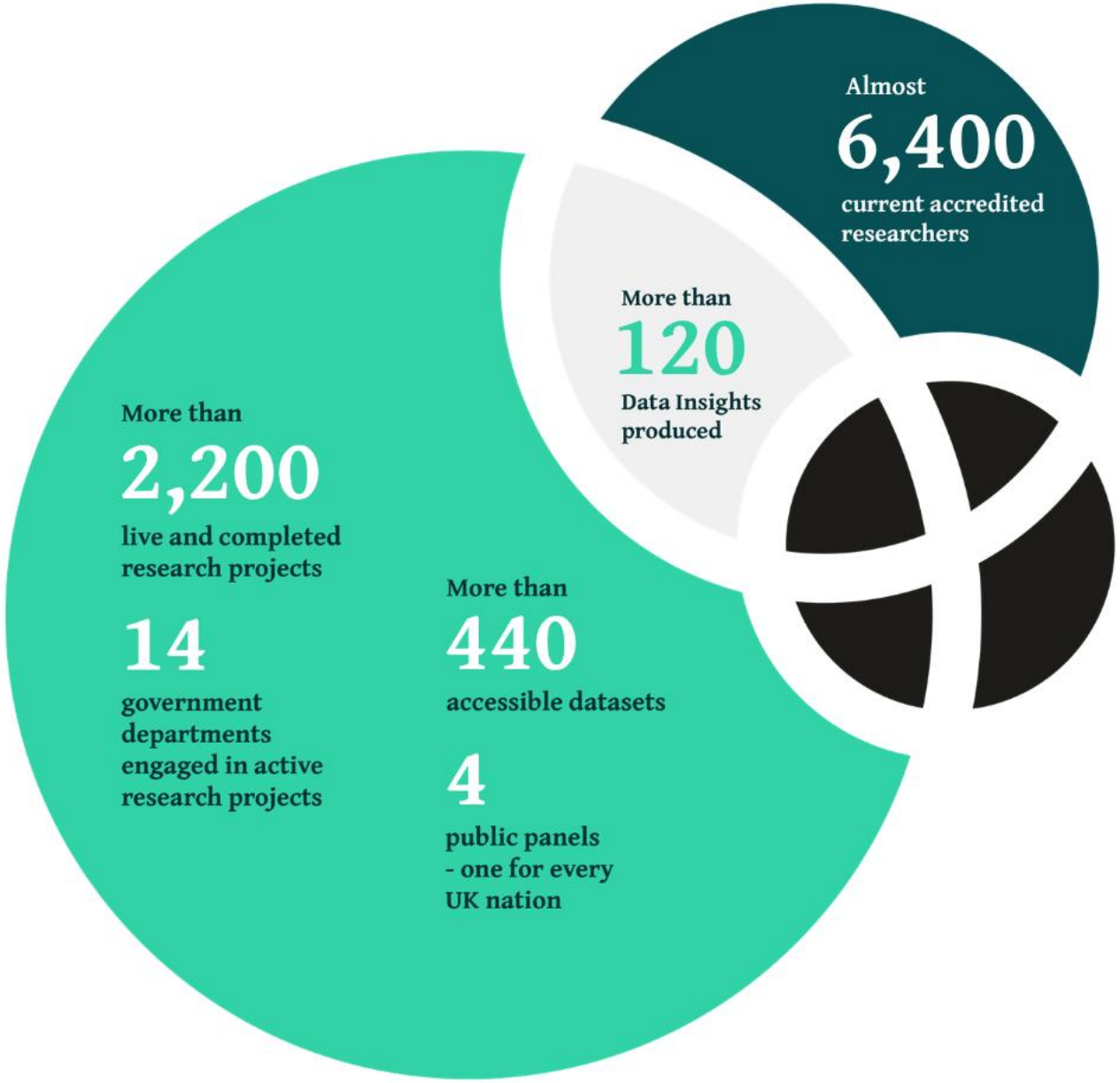
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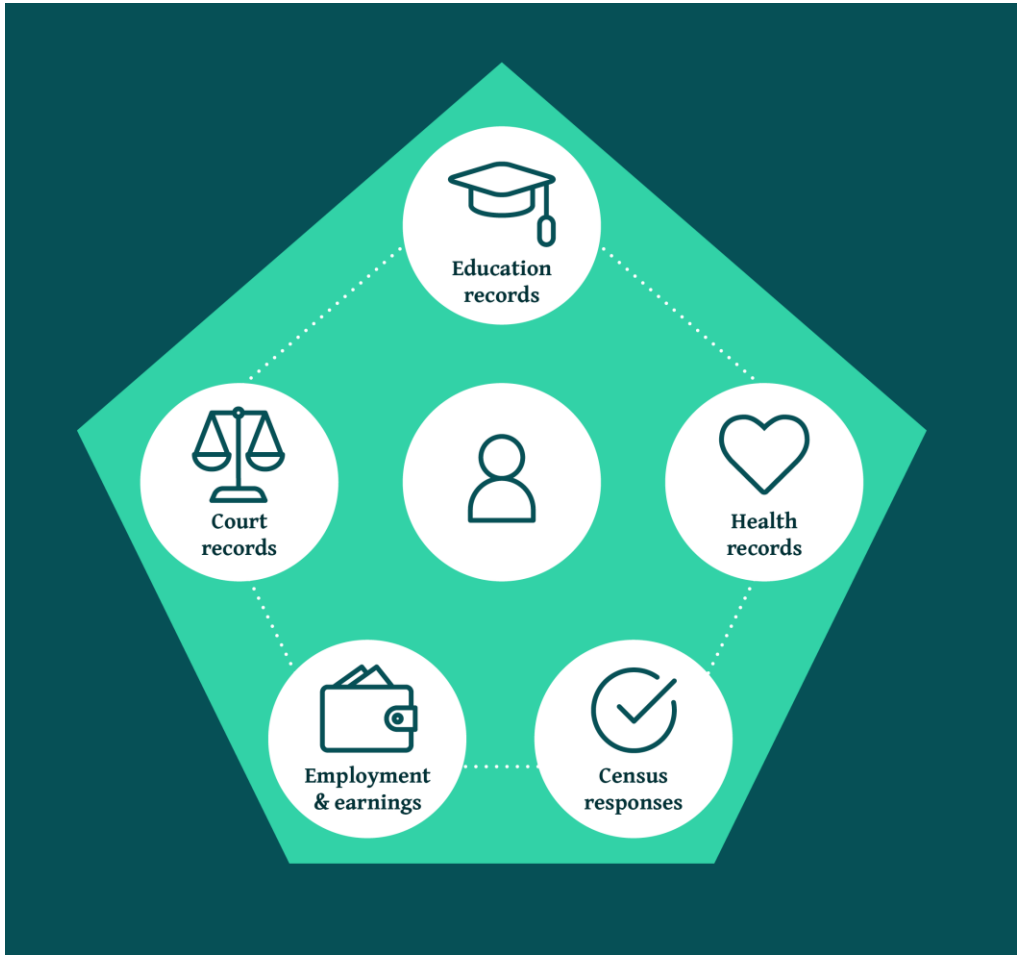
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Across the UK, administrative data is a largely untapped, but information-rich, resource. It can be used safely and responsibly in research to improve our understanding of society.

Linking this data can reveal new patterns and surface inequalities to help policymakers and services identify where change is needed.

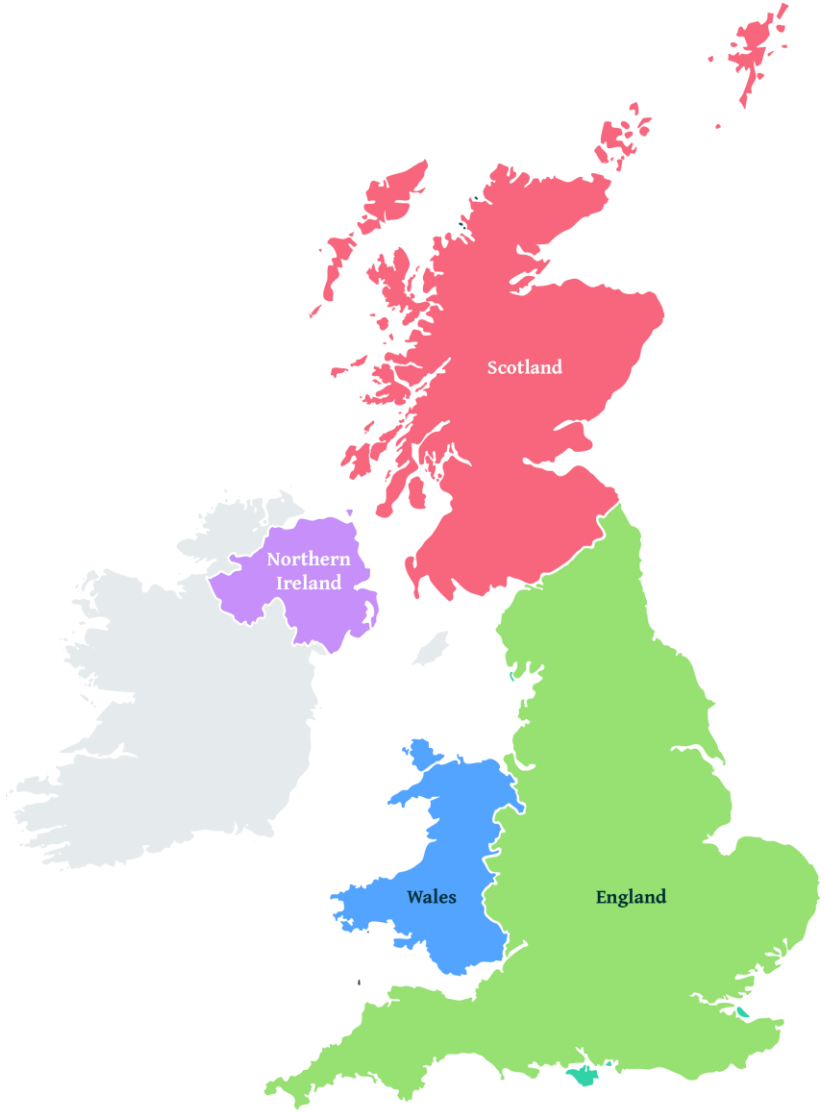


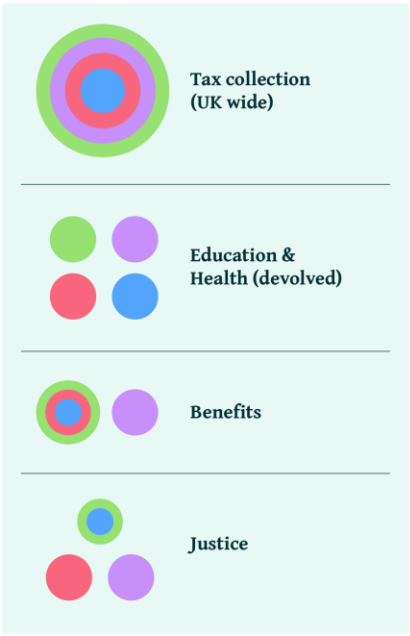
Why were we formed?

Our mission is to safely open up and link administrative data to provide robust evidence that informs policy and public services.

By enabling secure access to de-identified data for accredited researchers, we help build a more complete picture of how people's lives intersect with public services - generating insights to improve lives across the UK.

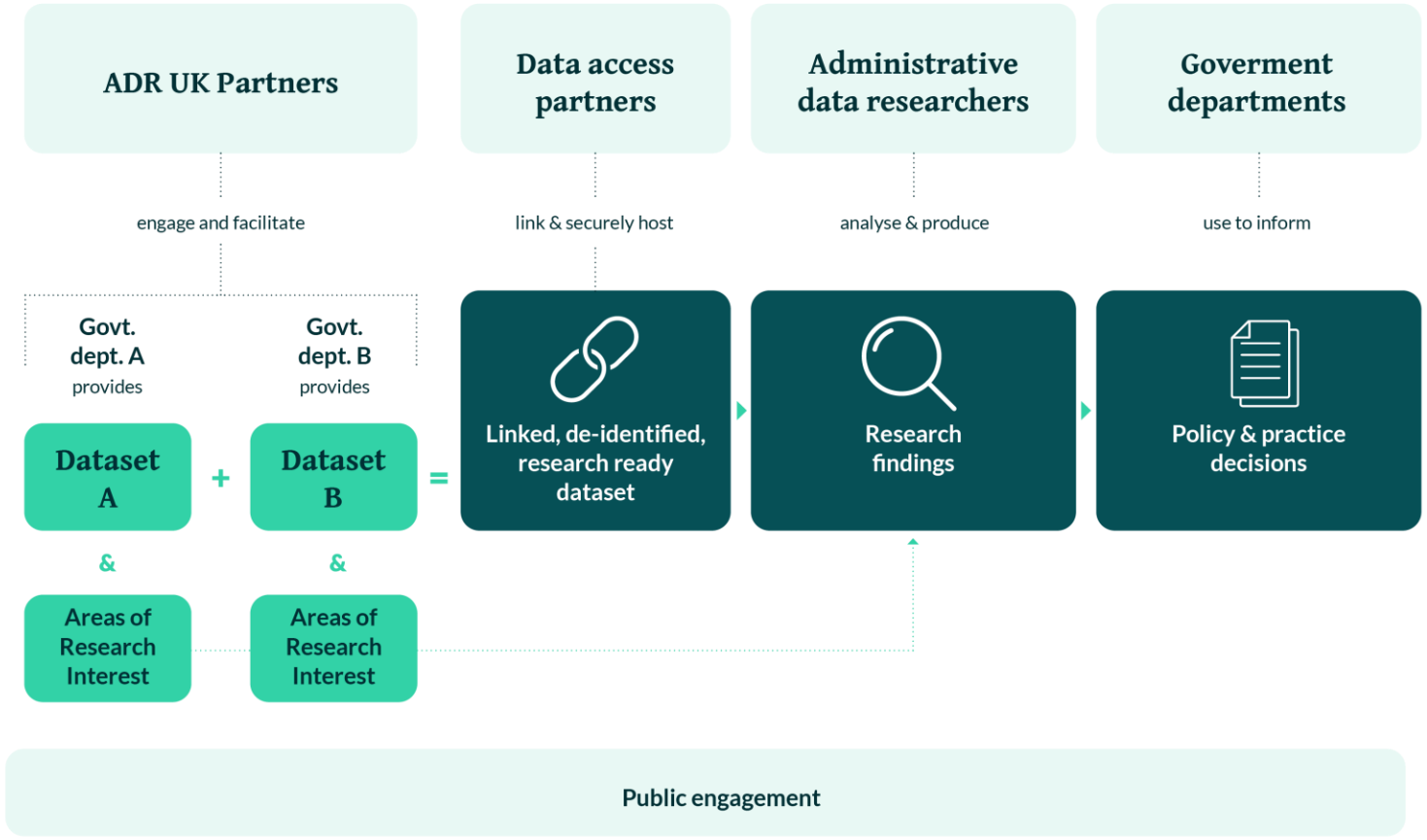
Administrative data governance operates differently across the UK's four nations. ADR UK was established as a UK-wide partnership that recognises this devolved model, with partnerships and trusted research environments in each nation.





The ADR UK process

1. ADR UK partners engage data owners across government and the public sector, who provide data and outline policy priorities.
2. Data access partners securely link data across departments to create research-ready datasets, hosted within trusted research environments.
3. Accredited researchers apply to access these linked datasets, analyse them securely, and produce policy-relevant findings.
4. Public engagement is embedded throughout, shaping priorities, informing governance, and ensuring data is used ethically.



Responsible data use

ADR UK ensures all data is de-identified and accessed only by accredited researchers via secure trusted research environments.

We follow the Five Safes framework:

- **Safe Data:** de-identified and safeguarded
- **Safe Person:** accredited researchers only
- **Safe Project:** approved projects with public benefit
- **Safe Place:** safe settings or secure remote access
- **Safe Output:** outputs checked to prevent disclosure

