

Open Data: Making it Real

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The best argument for Transparency is No Transparency

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HEALTH LATEST

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Health

Eleven deaths linked to cancer bungles



The screening programme was found to be inadequate

Up to 11 women may have died after their breast cancer because of failures in a Devon screening programme, a trust admitted on Tuesday.

The Royal Devon and Exeter Healthcare NHS Trust revealed that 61 women had had their cancer diagnosed late because of failures in the East Devon Breast Screening Service between 1991 and 1997.

Eleven of these are now dead.

In a statement, it said that it was "not able to quantify the degree to which the delay may have contributed" to the women's deaths.

Health Contents

- Background Briefings
- Medical notes
- Relevant Stories**

- 07 Apr 99 | Health [Breast cancer 'more than one disease'](#)
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- 11 Mar 99 | Health [Breast screening row hots up](#)
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Internet Links

- [Cancer Research Campaign](#)
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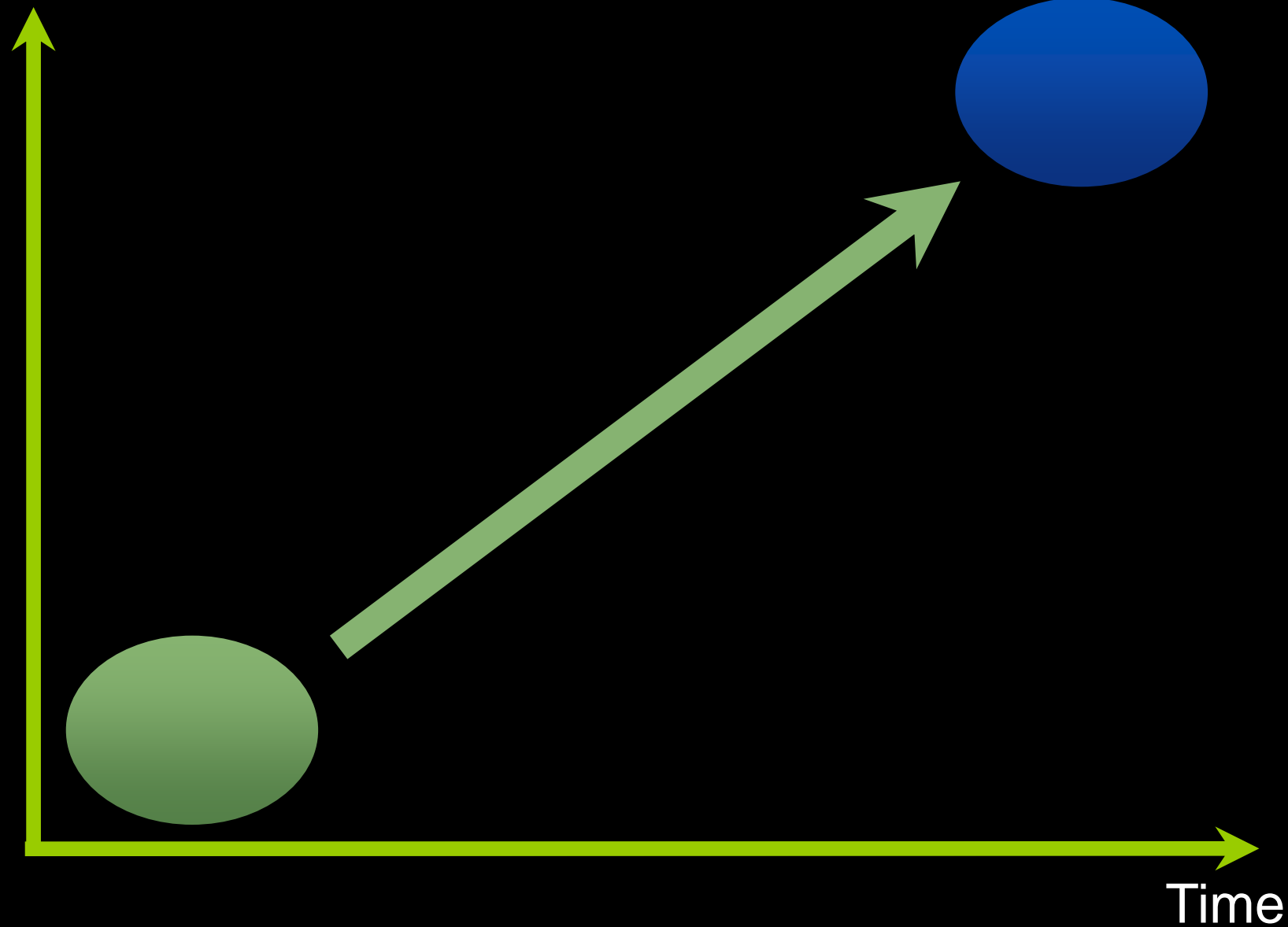


About 7% of hospital admissions are associated with adverse events, of which about 8% result in death, and about half of the adverse events are avoidable

The moral imperative of Transparency

- Six years ago UK heart surgeons published outcomes data
- Mortality rates fell by 20%
- Deaths avoided estimated at **1000 lives per year**
- Further data will transform the relationship between provider and patient

Lives saved



Impact

- **Healthcare** - longer, better-quality lives; reduced death and misery
- **Education** - better pupil outcomes; reduced opportunity inequality
- **Criminal justice** - a safer society; reduced criminal re-offending
- Alongside each, a huge marketplace for entrepreneurs - e.g. healthcare data for life sciences will be worth another £15bn for the UK economy

Digital transparency has transformed other sectors... so why not government?

- **Online banking – a consumer success story**

Launched in the US in 1994 and in the UK in 1998. Now >22M adult users (>50% of computer users)

The logo for Cahoot, featuring the word "cahoot" in a stylized, lowercase, purple font with a white outline.The logo for RBS (Royal Bank of Scotland), featuring a blue stylized sunburst icon to the left of the letters "RBS" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

Consumer applications offered with digital banking

- ACCESS TO DATA
- ABILITY TO TRANSACT
- ABILITY TO BOOK APPOINTMENTS

Drivers

- **Accountability** to citizens

How much does my government spend?

- **Choices** for service users

Which is the best school for my child?

- Public service **productivity**

How can I deliver a more efficient court service?

- Public service **quality**

How safe is my local hospital?

- **Social growth**


How can I access my medical record and share my views with other patients?

- **Economic growth**

How can I set up a business with public data?

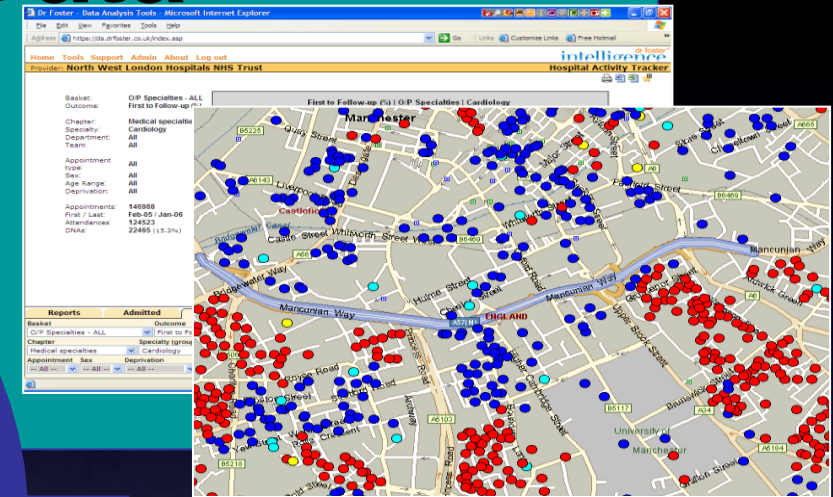
We need a Transparency revolution!

• Personal Data



The screenshot shows the emisaccess patient portal. It includes sections for 'My Appointments', 'My Prescriptions', and 'Medical Record'. The weather for Warwick, UK is displayed as 'Mostly cloudy 17°C'. There is also a news article titled 'Asthma - Patient UK Online Newspaper'.

• Open Data

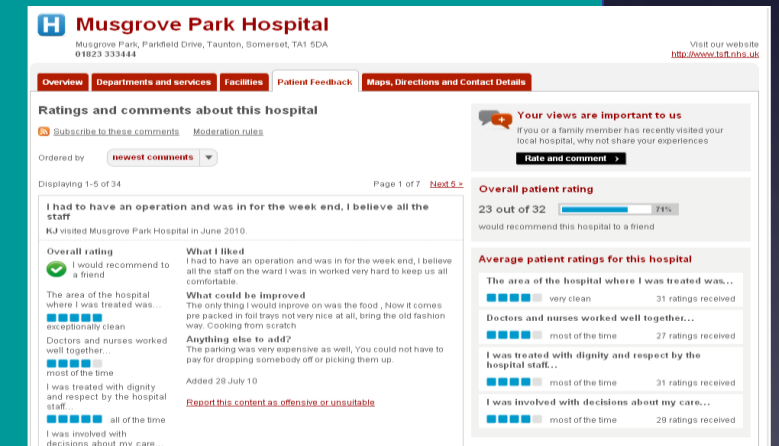


The screenshot shows a 'Hospital Activity Tracker' map. It displays a street map with numerous colored dots (red, blue, yellow) representing patient locations. A sidebar on the left lists patient details such as 'Basket', 'Outcome', 'Speciality', and 'Department'.



• Information Market

• User Data



The screenshot shows a patient feedback page for Musgrove Park Hospital. It features a 'Ratings and comments about this hospital' section with a star rating system. There are several comments from patients, including one from 'KJ' who visited in June 2010. The page also includes an 'Overall patient rating' of 23 out of 32 and a section for 'Average patient ratings for this hospital' with various categories like 'The area of the hospital where I was treated was...' and 'Doctors and nurses worked well together...'

Miami 311 – dynamic information marketplace of the future



- *Miami Dade provides real time online data on 4,500 non-emergency services, like refuse collection, to drive customer satisfaction, productivity and service quality.*



Open Britain: driving social and economic benefit

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the official website of the British Prime Minister's Office. The page title is "Prime Minister's letter to Cabinet Ministers on government transparency and open data". The URL is "http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/letter-to-cabinet-ministers-on-transparency-and-open-data/". The page features a navigation menu with links for HOME, NEWS, POLICY, THE COALITION, HISTORY & TOUR, TRANSPARENCY, and TAKE PART. The main content area is titled "Letter to Cabinet Ministers on transparency and open data" and dated "Thursday 7 July 2011". The text of the letter begins with "Dear Secretary of State" and discusses the government's commitment to transparency and open data, mentioning the National Health Service, schools, criminal courts, and transport. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 14:00 on 16/09/2011.

Prime Minister's letter to Cabinet Ministers on government transparency and open data - Microsoft Internet Explorer 03.18.04

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Letter to Cabinet Ministers on transparency and open data

Thursday 7 July 2011

In a letter to Cabinet Ministers, the Prime Minister committed to publishing key data on the National Health Service, schools, criminal courts and transport.

Dear Secretary of State

As you know, transparency is at the heart of our agenda for Government. We recognise that transparency and open data can be a powerful tool to help reform public services, foster innovation and empower citizens. We also understand that transparency can be a significant driver of economic activity, with open data increasingly enabling the creation of valuable new services and applications.

In May 2010, I set out the Government's specific commitments on transparency in a letter to Cabinet colleagues. Over the past 12 months, we have successfully fulfilled these commitments, and demonstrated global leadership in government transparency and open data.

I am writing to you today to celebrate our achievements over that period and set out new commitments for the next 12 months. These commitments represent the most ambitious open data agenda of any government in the world, and demonstrate our determination to make the public sector more transparent and accountable.

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The Open Data White Paper

- **Data**
 - *All information held by a public authority*
- **Public authority**
 - *Any service in receipt of full or partial public funding*
- **Open**
 - *Available for **free commercial re-use** without restrictions*
- **Access**
 - *Published frequently, in **open** formats to agreed **standards***

The Open Government Partnership: 46 nations sign up to Transparency

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Open Government Partnership website. At the top left is the OGP logo, a black square with the text 'Open Government Partnership' and a colorful bar below it. To the right is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon, a 'SUBMIT' button, and social media sharing buttons for Facebook (Share, Like) and Twitter (Tweet). Below the logo are four navigation buttons: 'ABOUT' (with an information icon), 'COUNTRY COMMITMENTS' (with a checkmark icon), 'NETWORK' (with a speech bubble icon), and 'PROJECTS & CASE STUDIES' (with a list icon). The main content area features three tabs: 'TRANSPARENCY', 'ACCOUNTABILITY', and 'CITIZEN PARTICIPATION'. Below these is a world map where countries are colored in various shades. A dark banner across the map reads 'READ OUR DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES' with a right-pointing arrow. To the right of the map is a 'KEEP ME POSTED' section with an envelope icon, a text box for an email address, and a 'SEND' button. Below this are 'twitter' and 'facebook' social media buttons. The bottom section is divided into three columns: 'UPCOMING EVENTS' with a list of events including 'Working Meeting of New OGP Participant Countries and Steering Committee' on Dec 06 and 'Annual OGP Conference' in Mar; 'ANNOUNCEMENT' with a photo of flags and the text 'Live streamed coverage of OGP'; and 'WATCH THE VIDEO' with a video player and the text 'Open Government from The Academy on Vimeo'.

Open Government by The Academy – video

<http://vimeo.com/theacademy/opengovernment>

