

# THE MONTHLY LINKAGE

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## RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT – REBECCA BENDAYAN

This month's research spotlight focuses on a data linkage study led by Rebecca Bendayan. The aim of this study was to design and develop a suitable strategy to extract information on physical health conditions from free text mental health records data which could easily be replicated in future multimorbidity research using similar resources. The second objective was to examine the prevalence of these conditions and their most prevalent combinations in severe mental illness (SMI) and any differences across relevant sociodemographic factors and across SMI diagnoses. The third objective was to investigate the association of overall multimorbidity and specific health conditions

To read the full research paper click here: [Mapping multimorbidity in individuals with schizophrenia and bipolar disorders: evidence from the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust Biomedical Research Centre \(SLAM BRC\) case register | BMJ Open](#)

with levels of disability measured using the Health of the Nation Outcome Scales. Patient data were extracted via the Clinical Record Interactive Search (CRIS), a case register platform that contains de-identified mental healthcare electronic health record (HER) data from South London and Maudsley Trust National Health Service Foundation Trust (SLaM). SLaM is one of Europe's largest providers of secondary mental healthcare, serving a geographical catchment of approximately 1.32 million residents, and providing almost complete coverage of secondary mental healthcare provision to all age groups. Since 2007, fully electronic clinical records have been deployed in SLaM, and data from these are accessible via CRIS system which allows searching and retrieval of anonymised full records for over 500,000 cases currently represented in the system.

## 10 YEARS LATER

This year marks 10 years since the Clinical Data Linkage Service was founded. To see a full timeline of CRIS events. See our CRIS Timeline below:

[CRIS: a timeline \(nihr.ac.uk\)](https://www.nihr.ac.uk/cris-timeline)

## In the Community

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 there will be a BRC in the community event taking place to celebrate mental health research. It will celebrate the amazing collaborations between the BRC and the community, as well as providing key insight into the importance of mental health research.

For more information about this event please see the following link:

<https://www.maudsleybrc.nihr.ac.uk/patients-public/brc-in-the-community/>

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The agenda for this meeting will be sent closer to the date.

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