Understanding personalities in data access decision-making

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Access to sensitive data is getting easier.....

Changes to legislation

More and more Safe Settings
Who makes the final decision?

Introducing the Information Asset Owner

- Civil servants working in government agencies
- Middle-management role
- Responsible for a particular data source
- Signing-off on use of data
- Responsible if things go wrong
Making a decision

- Is there a **legal basis** for allowing these data to be used?
- Are there any (confidentiality) **risks**?
- Is there a ‘**public benefit’**?
Do we have the right reward structure in place?

- Are IAOs rewarded for taking risk and delivering data access?
- Or more likely to be rewarded for taking a risk-averse approach?
- What information do they have to base their decision on?
How can we capitalise on the new landscape?

Frameworks
- 5 Safes
- Anonymisation Decision Making Framework

Researchers
- Part of the solution?
- A two-way contract

Organisational
- Sign-off at the top is a necessary first condition
- Think about where decisions are made: what support do they need?
Thank you

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