

# Methodology for the Spatial Clustering of CTAS data to identify high risk workplace settings

# Objectives

## Overarching objective:

- To identify high risk workplace settings for Covid-19 transmission

## Subobjectives:

- Development of a more robust pandemic tool to analyse common exposure settings
- Improve our understanding of enduring transmission over time and the role of workplace settings

# Lessons Learning & Next Steps

## *Rapid Response Methodology: Postcode level clustering*

- Spatial clustering by postcode
- Standardisation of cluster categories: Mapped CTAS to 5 levels of Industrial Categories at LTLA level
- *Rates conversion* to compare geographical areas and sectors at national, regional, LTLA level
  - *Employee count* = size of workplace outbreaks by week
  - Building count = cluster denominator

## *Capacity to analyse outbreak composition*

- Outbreak size by week, location, setting type description (postcode level)

## *Data verified*

- Verified against venue alerts, pillar 2 cases, and HP Zone data

## *Longer term time trend analysis (1 year+) Retrospective analysis*

- Distinction between *prevalence and incidence* with UPRN add
- Tracking of cluster growth
- Improving the granularity of analysis to improve data quality (specificity)
- Reduction in cluster numbers/fragmentation over time

# Spatial clustering: the rational for UPRNs and their application across government

North West  
Administrative



Region

Country



England  
Administrative

Upper Tier Local Authority



North Yorkshire  
Administrative

Harrogate  
Administrative



Lower Tier Local Authority

Postcode Area



HG  
Postal

Harrogate 015  
Statistical



Middle Layer Super Output area (MSOA)

Postcode District



HG1  
Postal

Harrogate 015E  
Statistical



Lower Layer Super Output area (LSOA)

Postcode Sector



HG1 1  
Postal

Postcode Unit



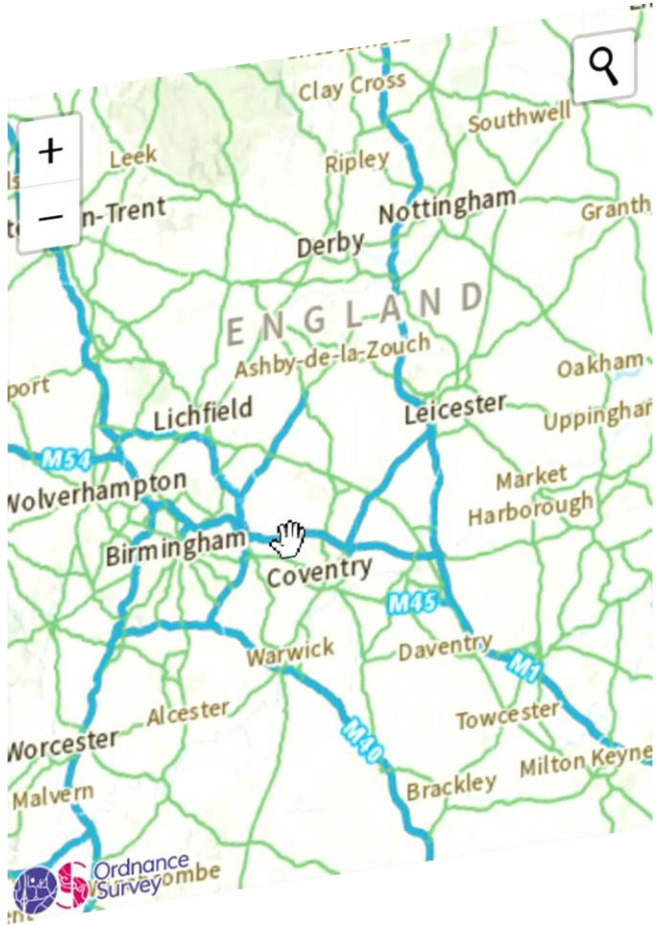
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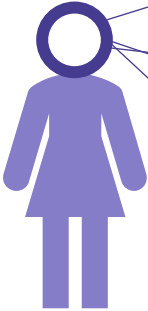
Address

Indiscrete geographies

# Capture and verification of UPRNs



POSITIVE CASE



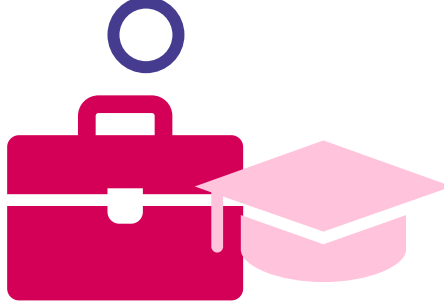
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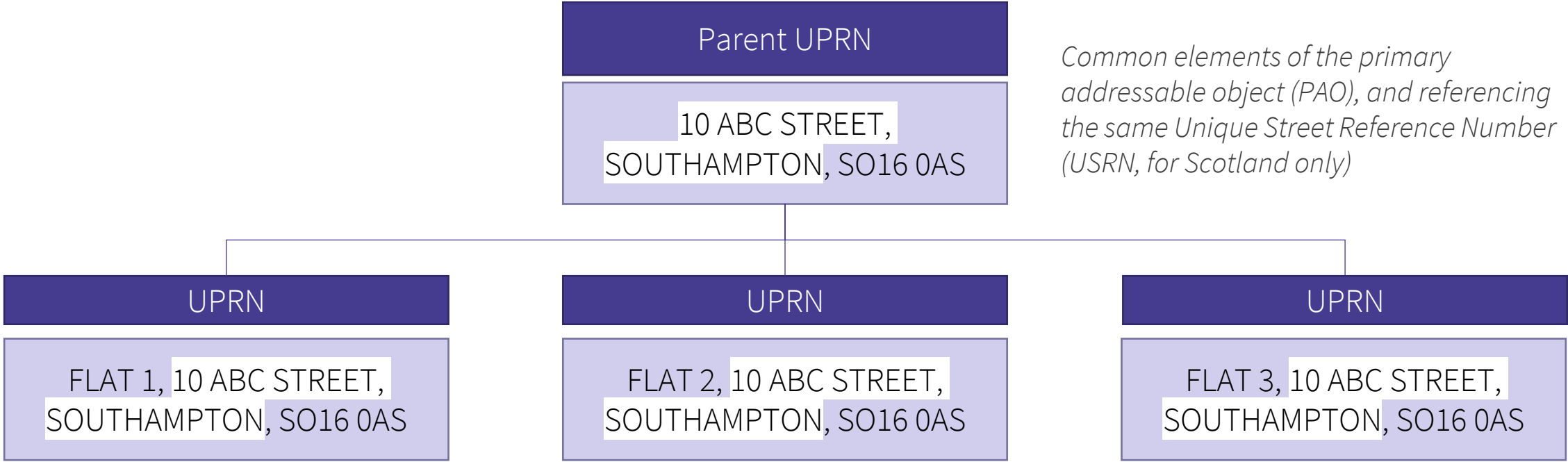


WORK/EDUCATION



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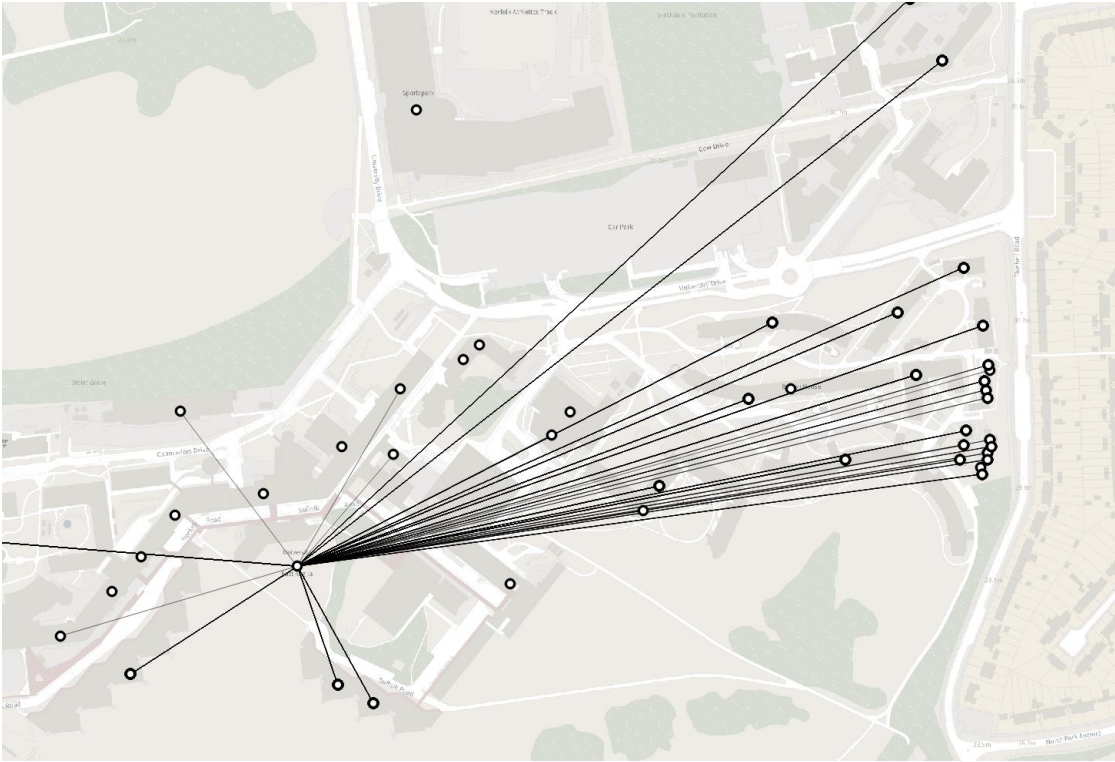
# UPRN ancestry



# Clustering Strategy: Postcodes to UPRNs

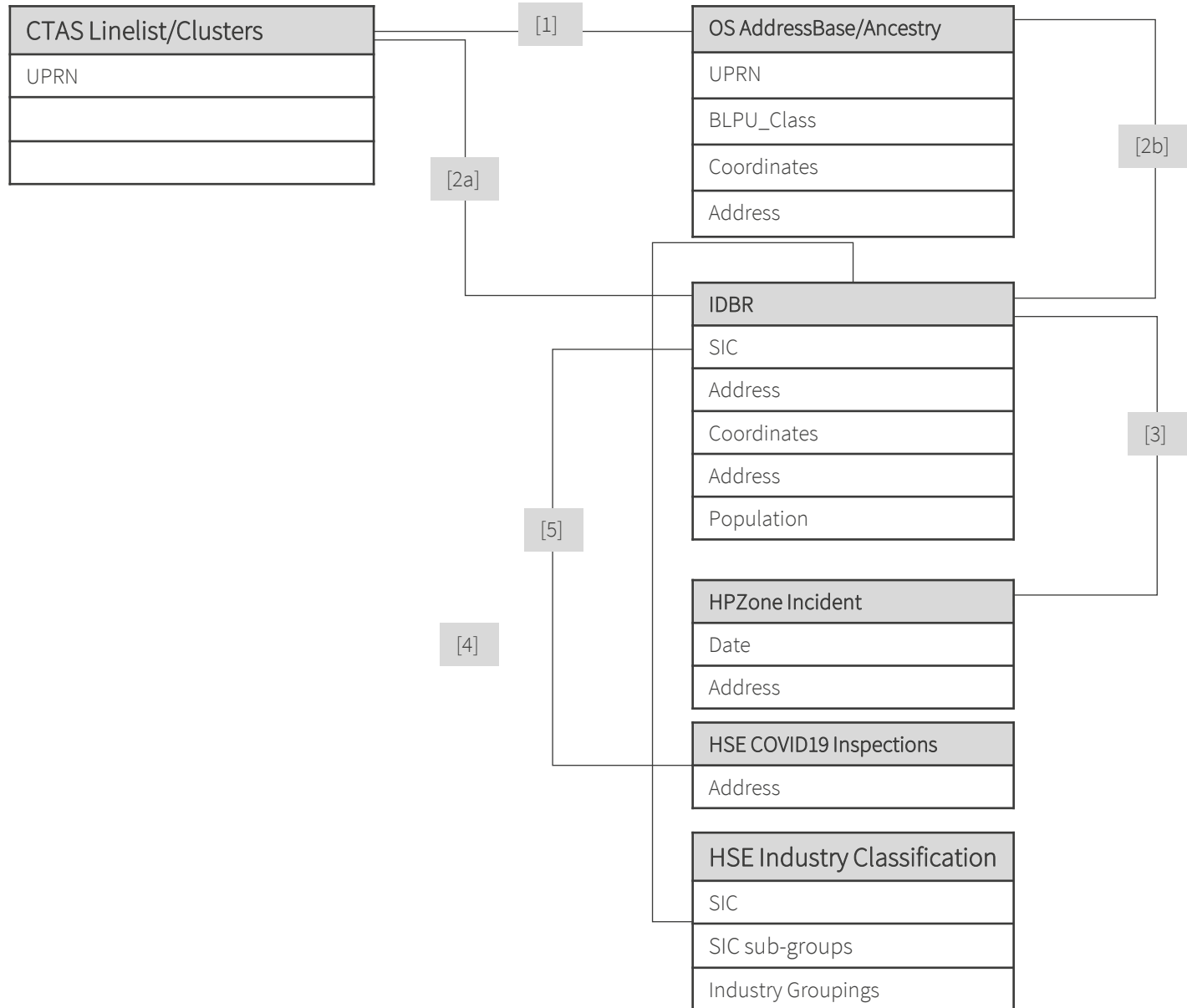


Former postcode adjacency lookup



Ancestral lookup hierarchy





### Data Linkage

- [1]. CTAS to OS ADB/Ancestry (Key CTAS.UPRN – AS ADB.UPRN)
- [2]. IDBR to CTAS – two linkage options
  - [2a] Fuzzy match Postcode + Address (Federico method)
  - [2b] Address match IDBR CTAS PC subset to OS ADB to CTAS (UPRN)
- [3]. HPZone to IDBR (Review method used by HSE from Meng study)
- [4]. HSE Industry Classification to IDBR (HSE.SIC – IDBR.SIC)
- [5]. HSE Inspections to IDBR (Caleb method)

### Linkage schema for CTAS:

CTAS Linelist/Clusters + industry classifications
CTAS.UPRN [1] (primary or ancestry)
OS ADB. BLPU_Class [1]
IDBR.SIC [2a/2b]
IDBR.Population [2a/2b]
HSE Ind Class.SICSubGroup [4]
HSE Ind Class.HSEIndustryGrouping [4]
HPZone [3/2]

# Summary: Opportunities to apply UPRNs across all hazards surveillance

Thank You