



# Introduction to the Genomics England Research Environment

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# Data security

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- This training session will include data from the GEL Research Environment
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# Questions

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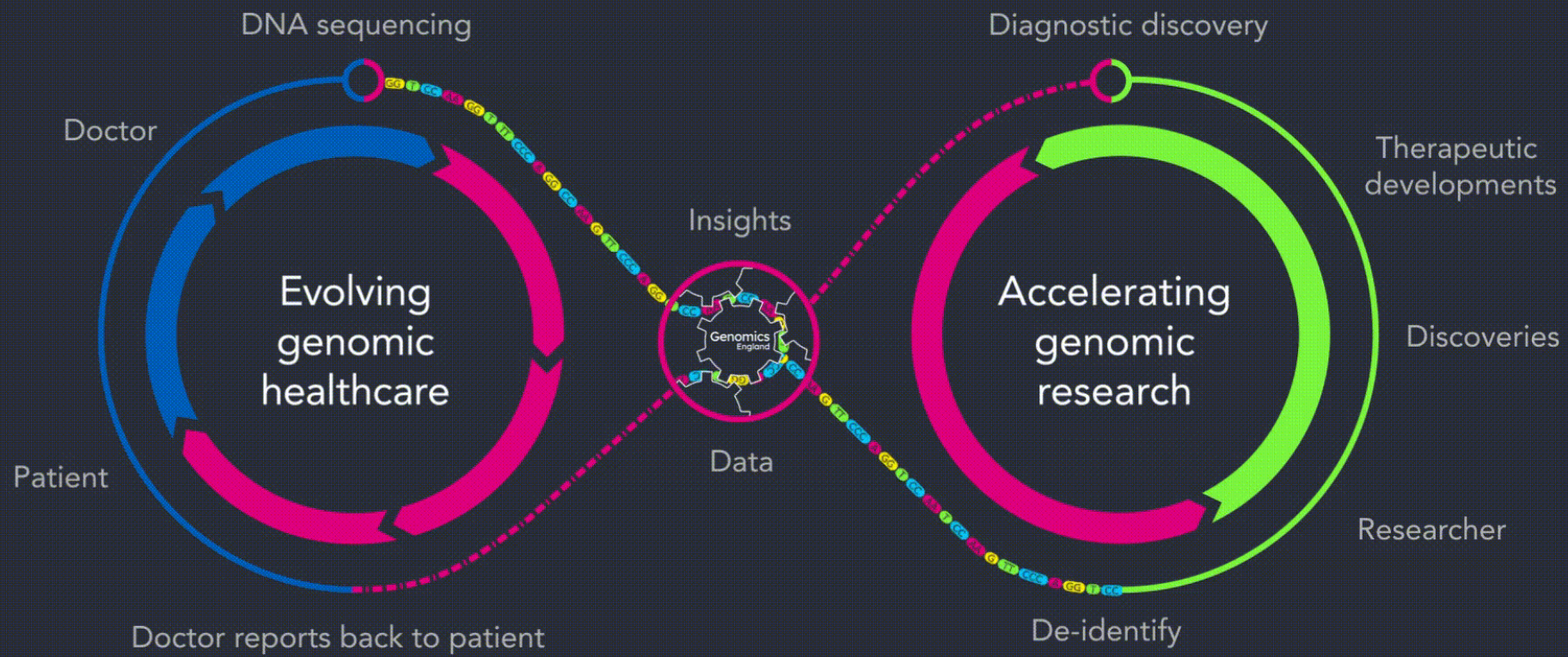
# Agenda

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- 1 Introduction and admin
- 2 Sources and type of data in the Research Environment
- 3 Tools in the Research Environment
- 4 Programmatic access to Genomics England data
- 5 Running command line tools and pipelines using our HPC cluster
- 6 The Airlock, restricted import and export of data
- 7 The future: CloudRE and the GMS
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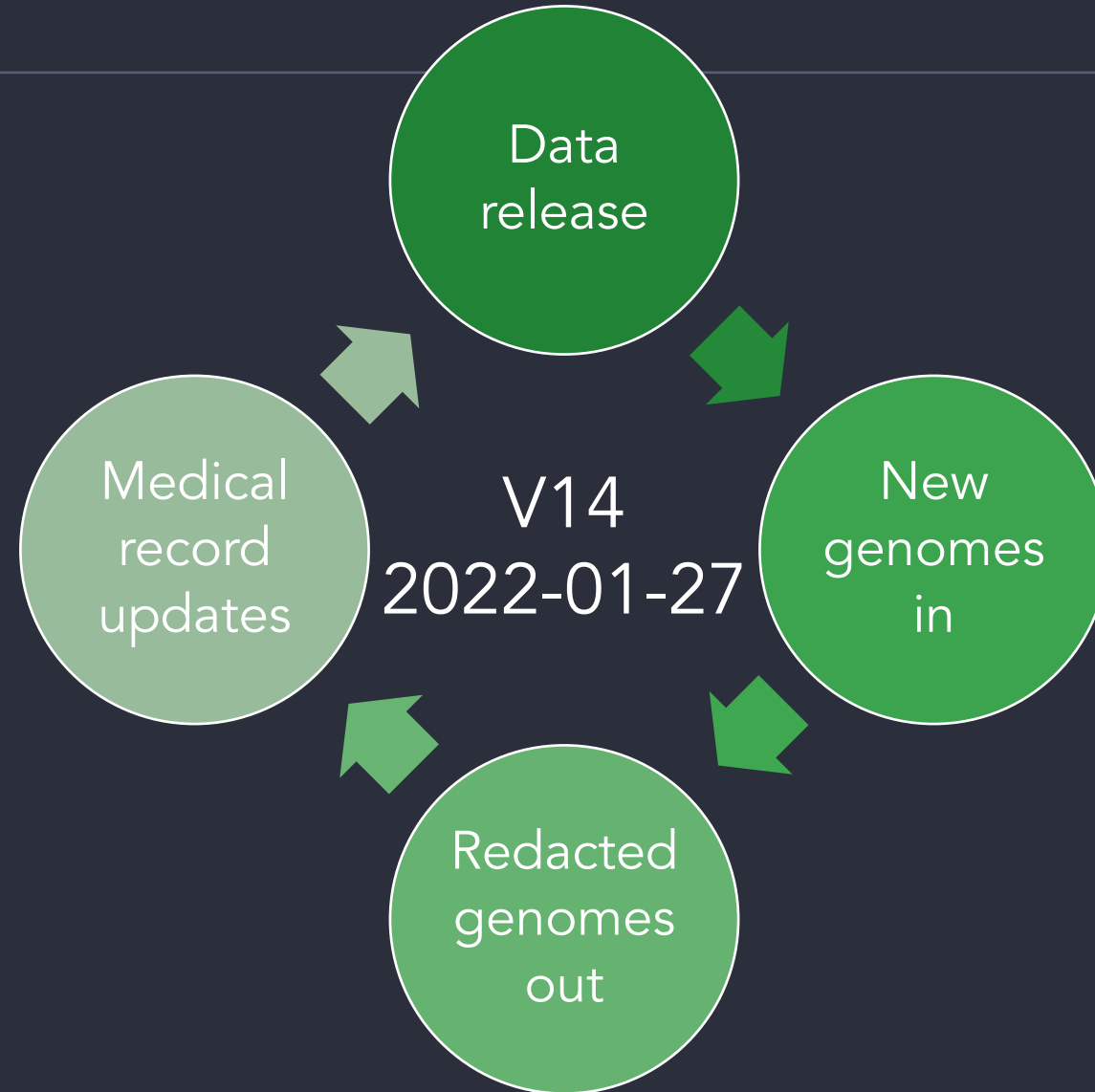






# Data releases

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# 100,000 Genomes Project Data

	Cancer	Rare Disease	Total
Genomics	Participants <b>17,955</b>	<b>72,955</b>	<b>90,259</b>  + 35K COVID in CloudRE only
Genomes	<b>42,922</b> Germline + Tumour 30x      100x	<b>75,526</b> Germline <20% Singleton	<b>118,488</b>

# 100,000 Genomes Project Data

Genomics



- HPO terms
  - Rare disease
  - Other conditions
- Tumour staging
- Tumour location
- Histological subtype
- Treatment regimen

Clinical Data



- NHS records
  - Hospital Episode Statistics
  - Mental Health Services Data Set



- Mortality data ONS



- Exit questionnaire for rare disease



- COVID-19 status



- Primary Care Data for COVID-19



# 100,000 Genomes Project Data

Genomics

Clinical Data

Consent



Clinically  
accredited  
pipelines  
for diagnostics

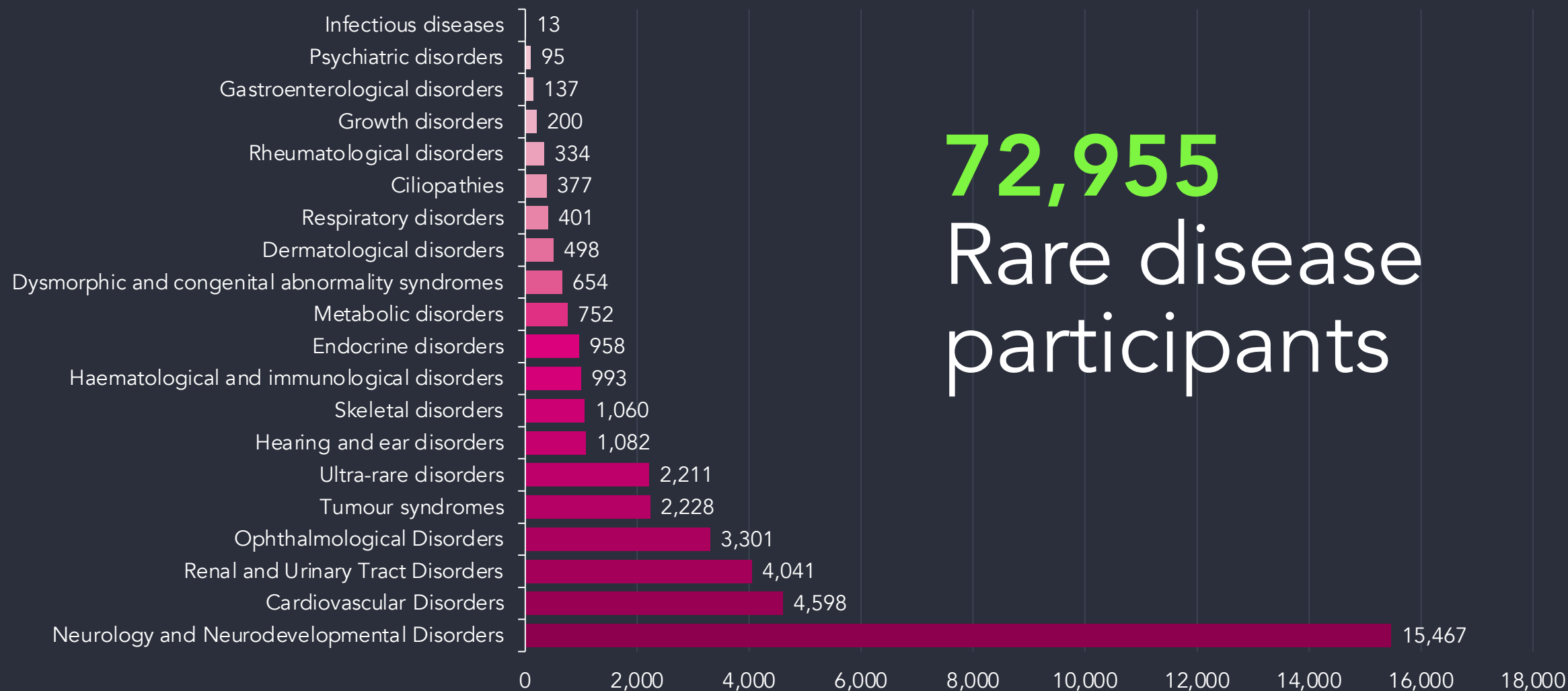


Lifetime  
follow-up  
+ full retrospective  
data



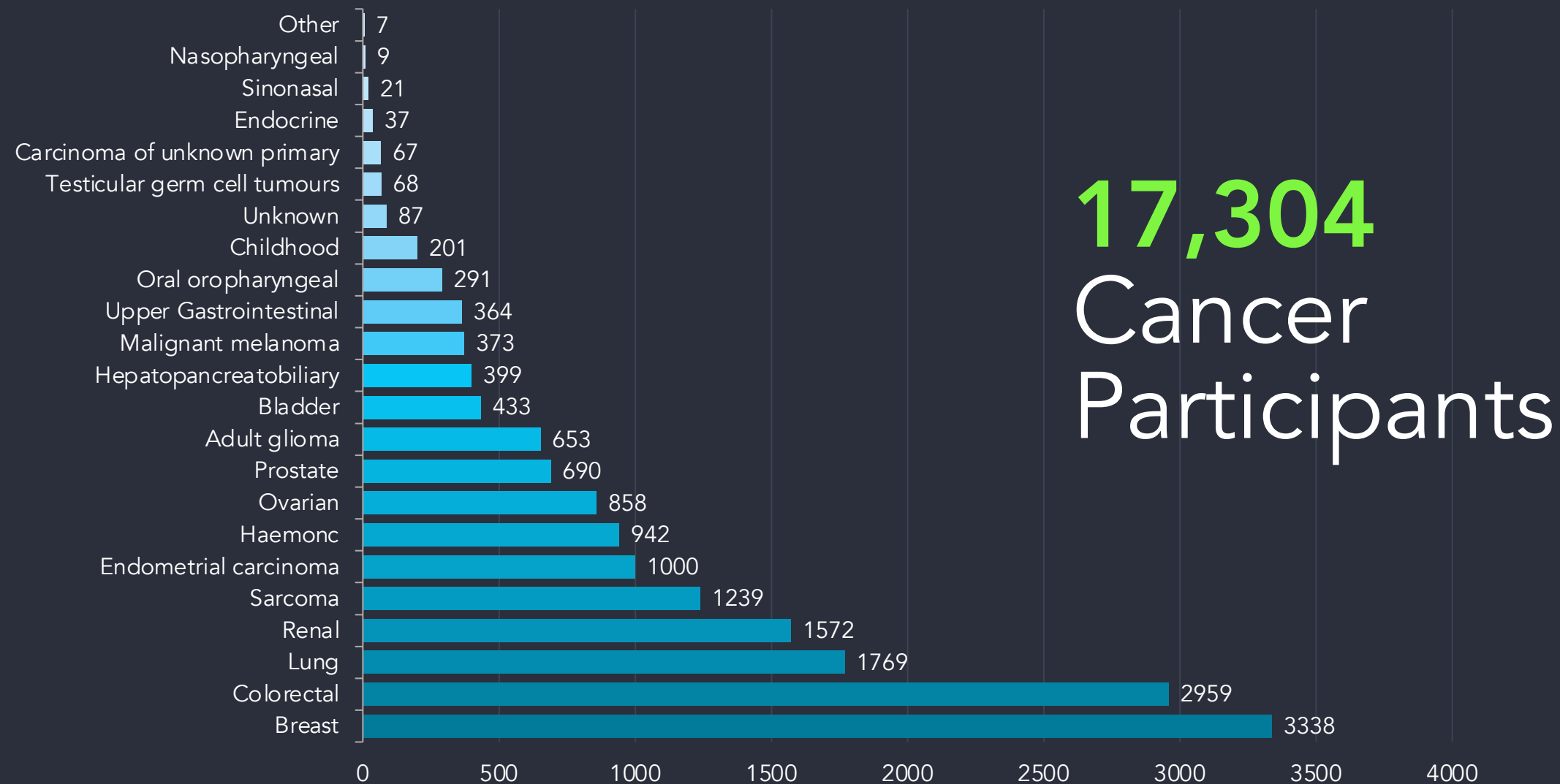
Re-engagement  
re-phenotyping  
re-sampling  
re-cruiting

# 100KGP rare disease participants



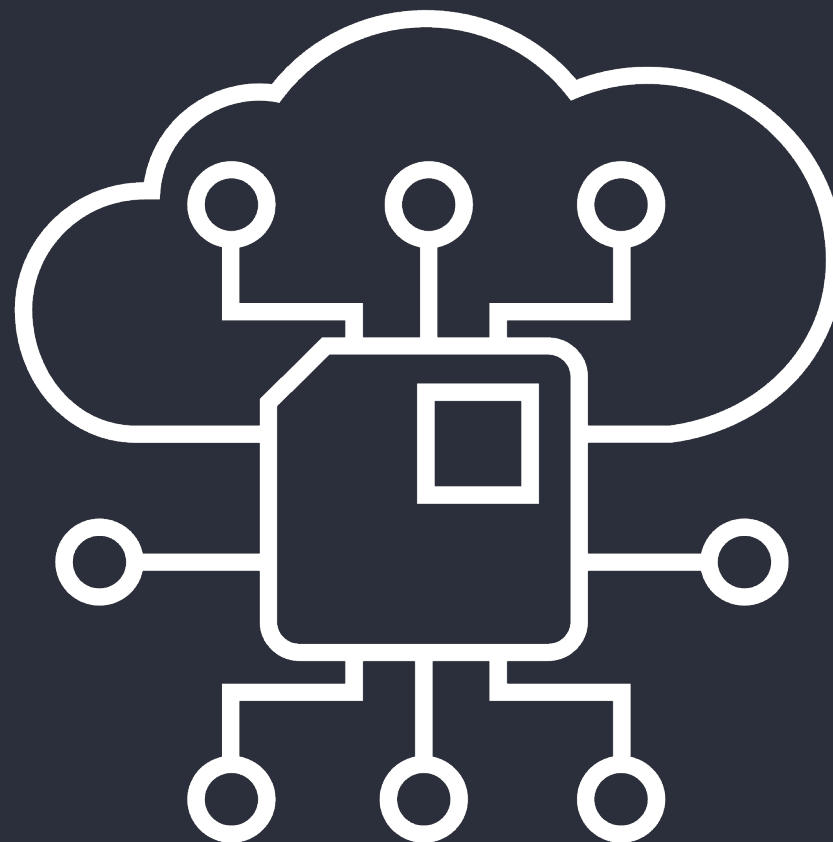
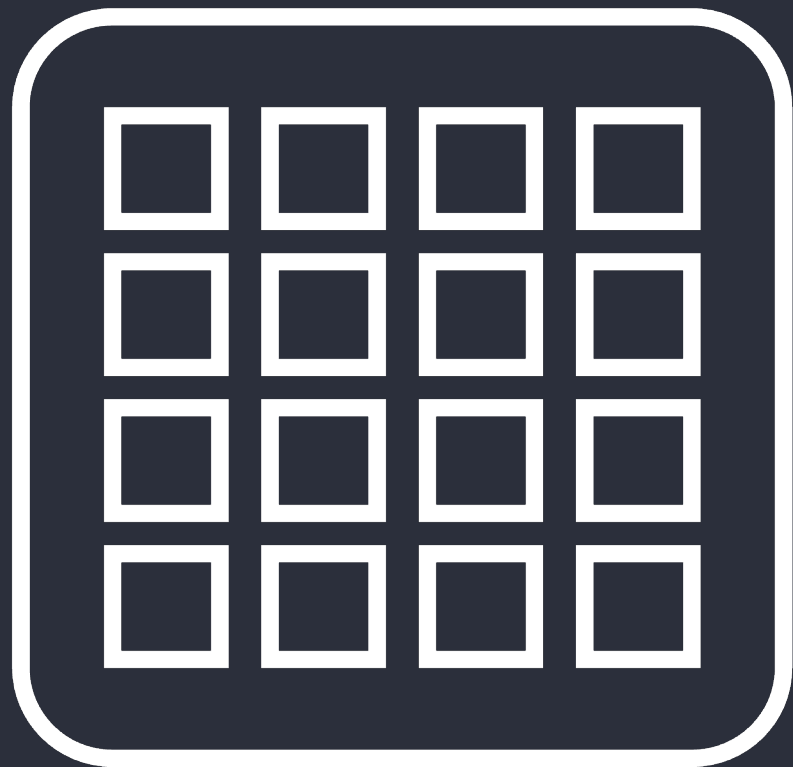
**72,955**  
Rare disease  
participants

# 100KGP Cancer participants



# Two REs: RE1.0 and CloudRE

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# 3. Tools in the Research Environment



## Participant Explorer

Search for participants by phenotypes or identifiers



## IVA

Explore genomic variants and what genotypes GEL participants have for them



## IGV

Visualise genomic data



## LabKey

Explore the tables of GEL data

# Demo: tools in the RE



# 4. Programmatic access to Genomics England data

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Labkey API allows you to:

- Combine data and filters from multiple tables
- Replicate queries exactly:
  - When new data releases come out
  - Between analyses
- Work in a variety of programming languages, but most support for Python and R
- Work both locally and on the HPC



# Set up .netrc

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- You can access the same data via the LabKey API as you can through other means
- You will need to configure access to the LabKey API with your username and password
  - In your home directory
  - On the HPC
- You do this by editing a file called .netrc

# Labkey API - Python

```
# Import the needed modules, labkey and pandas (for dataframes)
import labkey
import pandas as pd

# Specify what we are connecting to, and what schema and tables we want
labkey_server = "labkey-embassy.gel.zone" # The labkey server we are connecting to.
project_name = "main-programme/main-programme_v14_2022-01-27" # The data we want to access.
context_path = "labkey"
schema_name = "lists" # The schema we are getting data from.
```

Change the database version  
you're accessing

```
# Create the SQL query as a string
sql = (
    "SELECT participant.Participant_Id, participant.Programme, sequencing_report.lab_sample_id /
    FROM lists.participant /
    JOIN lists.sequencing_report /
    ON participant.Participant_Id = sequencing_report.Participant_Id /
    WHERE sequencing_report.lab_sample_id between 1018056774 and 1018068634;"
)
```

SQL query with standard  
SQL syntax

```
# Create an object that will let us connect to the LabKey databases. This does not change.
server_context = labkey.utils.create_server_context(
    labkey_server, project_name, context_path, use_ssl=True
)

# The data are returned and stored in the variable results.
results = labkey.query.execute_sql(server_context, schema_name, sql)
```

```
# Data are returned as a dictionary, will all of the table information stored under the key "rows".
# We make a dataframe of all of the table information using pandas.
table_of_data = pd.DataFrame(results["rows"])
```

Data returned as a dictionary  
and can be converted to a  
data-frame

# Labkey API - R

```
# Import the labkey library
library(Rlabkey)
```

```
# Set the baseURL
labkey.setDefaults(baseUrl= "https://labkey-embassy.gel.zone/labkey/")
Project_name <- "/main-programme/main-programme_v14_2022-01-27"
```

```
# Write your SQL query here
query <- "SELECT participant.Participant_Id, participant.Programme, sequencing_report.lab_sample_id
FROM lists.participant
JOIN lists.sequencing_report
ON participant.Participant_Id = sequencing_report.Participant_Id
WHERE sequencing_report.lab_sample_id between 1018056774 and 1018068634;"
```

```
mysql <- labkey.executeSql(
  schemaName="lists",
  colNameOpt = "rname",
  maxRows = 100000000,
  folderPath = project_name,
  sql = query
)
```

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you're accessing

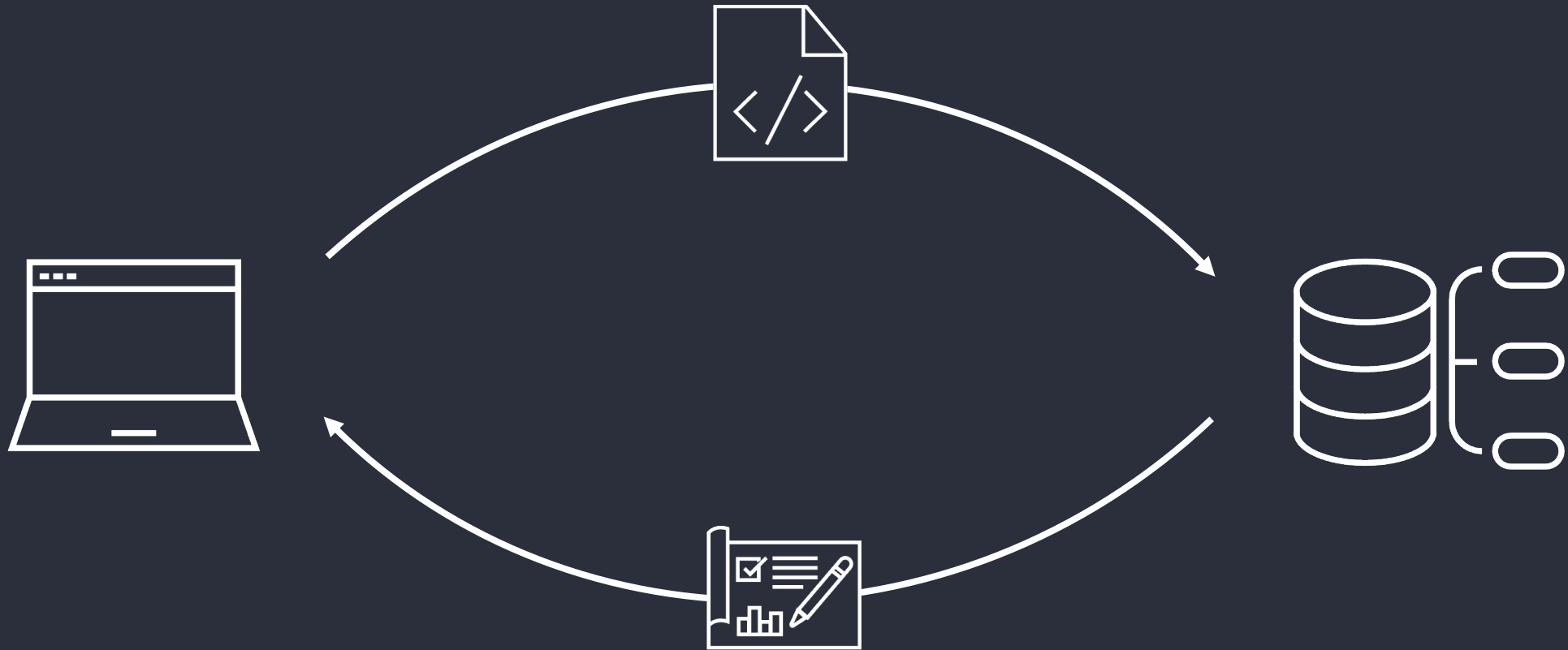
SQL query with standard SQL  
syntax

Data returned as a data-  
frame

# Demo: running LabKey API scripts

# 5. Running command line tools and pipelines using our HPC cluster

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# Pre-installed tools on the cluster

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APBS	CADD	GISTIC	MultiQC	SHAPEIT
AdapterRemoval	CNVator	GMAP-GSNAP	NGS	SPAdes
AutoDock-Vina	CaVEMAN	HISAT2	NextGenMap	STAR
BCFTools	Canvas	HLA-LA	OMA	SURVIVOR
BEDOPS	Centrifuge	HTSlib	OptiType	SVINT
BEDTools	Circos	IGV	OrfM	Salmon
BLAST	Clustal-Omega	IMPUTE2	PHYLIP	Sambama
BLAT	EIGENSOFT	Jellyfish	PLINK	SeqAn
BWA	FASTX-Toolkit	KNIME	Pindel	Trimmomatic
BamTools	FASTQC	Kraken	Pysam	UN-CNVc
Bio-DB-HTS	FlashPCA2	LUMPY	Quip	VCFtools
BioPerl	GATK	MAFFT	RTG-Tools	VEGAS
Bowtie	GD	MetaGeneAnnotator	SAMtools	VEP

# Pre-installed tools on the cluster

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Velvet	meRanTK	Tabix	ROOT	Doxygen
ViennaRNA	minimap2	verifyBamID	XML-LibXML	Gradle
alleleCount	Mosdept	Vt	XML-Parser	Junit
Bam-readcount	Ncbi-vdb	GATE	datamash	LZOM4
Cellbase	New_fugue	GCC	ntCDF	
Cromwell	Nextflow	GCCcore	Savvy	
Cryptsplice	Picard	LLVM	Shrinkwrap	
Ea-utils	Platypus	lspc	GDB	
Fastp	Rvtests	DBD-mysql	Autoconf	
Gvcfgenotyper	Seqtk	GDAL	Automake	
Kallisto	Singularity	HDF5	Autotools	
liftOver	Snptest	MariaDB	Boost	
Locuszoom	Strelka	PyTables	Cmake	

# Demo: using standard tools on the HPC

# Creating your own workflows to use on the cluster

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- You can incorporate any of the existing tools into your own workflow
- Import scripts via Airlock
- Using containers
  - Singularity
  - Docker
  - Quay.io

# Ready-made scripts/workflows

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- Extract variants (small or SV; germline or somatic) by coordinate or gene
- Gene centric SNV reports for cancer
- GWAS
- Survival - cancer
- Aggregate variant testing
- Functional variant annotation

# Demo: running a workflow on the HPC



# SV-CNV workflow

- Submit a list of genes or regions
- Find all SVs/CNVs in these genes/regions
- Choose somatic/germline, cancer/rare disease

**1 Make a folder in your own directory**



```
mkdir /home/username/my_workflows/
```

**2 Copy workflow to your new folder**



```
cp -R /gel_data_resources/workflows/BRS_tools_svcnvWorkflow/<version> \ /home/username/my_workflows/
```

**Interested in SVs or CNVs in genes?**

**3a Minimal editing of three files**



```
nano submit_script.sh
nano gene_list.txt
nano svcnvCatchInputs.json
```

input file = "gene\_list.txt"  
input type = "gene"  
sample type = "<your\_choice>"

change project and filepath of workdirectory (-cwd)  
change gene names  
change project, input type, input file name, and optionally change sample type ("germline", "somatic", "all")

**Interested in SVs or CNVs in region of interest?**

**3b Minimal editing of three files**




```
nano submit_script.sh
nano region_list.bed
nano svcnvCatchInputs.json
```

input file = "region\_list.bed"  
input type = "region"  
sample type = "<your\_choice>"

change project and filepath of workdirectory (-cwd)  
change region input  
change project, input type, input file name, and optionally change sample type ("germline", "somatic", "all")

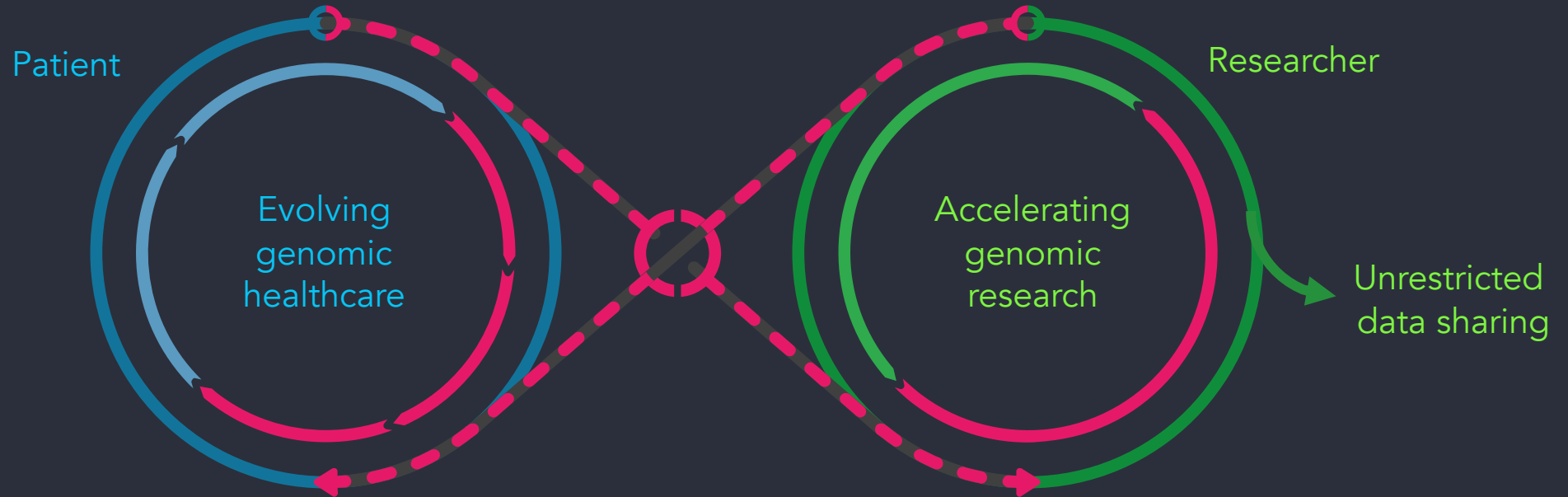
To save after editing, press Ctrl+O, type Y to overwrite, and Ctrl+X to exit

**4 Submitting your workflow to the HPC**



```
bsub < submit_script.sh
```

# 6. The Airlock, restricted import and export of data



Patients



Healthcare teams



Researchers

# Airlock: what can you export

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- Data matching your approved research project
- Aggregate data for groups  $\geq 5$  participants



- Data from a project that has not been approved
- Individual data or data that can be otherwise identified

# Demo: exporting data using the Airlock

# 7. The future: CloudRE

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- GEL data
  - 100,000 Genomes Project: rare disease and cancer
  - COVID-19 – severe and mild cases
- Point-and-click tools
  - Cohort browser
  - Running pipelines
- Compute in the Cloud
  - Flexible options based on budget and speed needed
  - Not limited by load
- Bring in data and tools from outside
  - From Github
  - In Containers
  - In S3 buckets



# Demo: tools in the CloudRE

# If the CloudRE is for you...

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Contact gecip-  
help@genomicsengland.co.uk

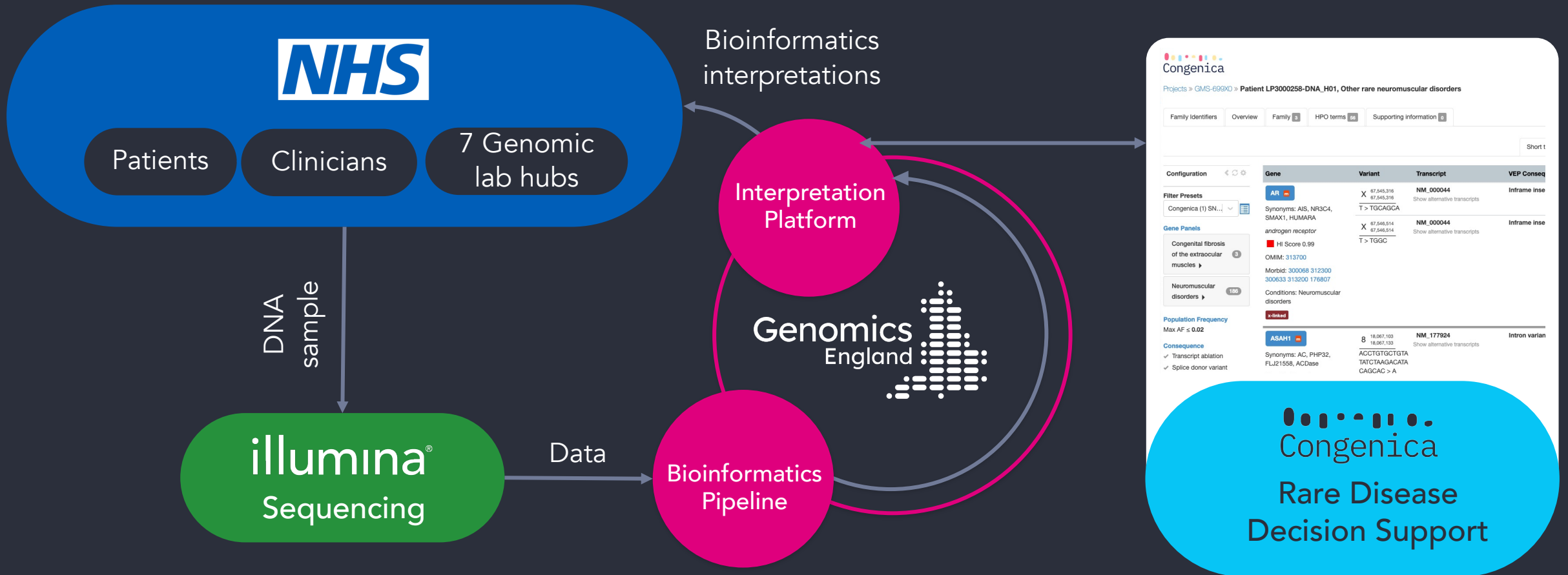


Contact your partnerships  
director (James/Kate)

- Brief description of why you'd like access
  - Use-case
  - Data
- We will get in touch to discuss feasibility



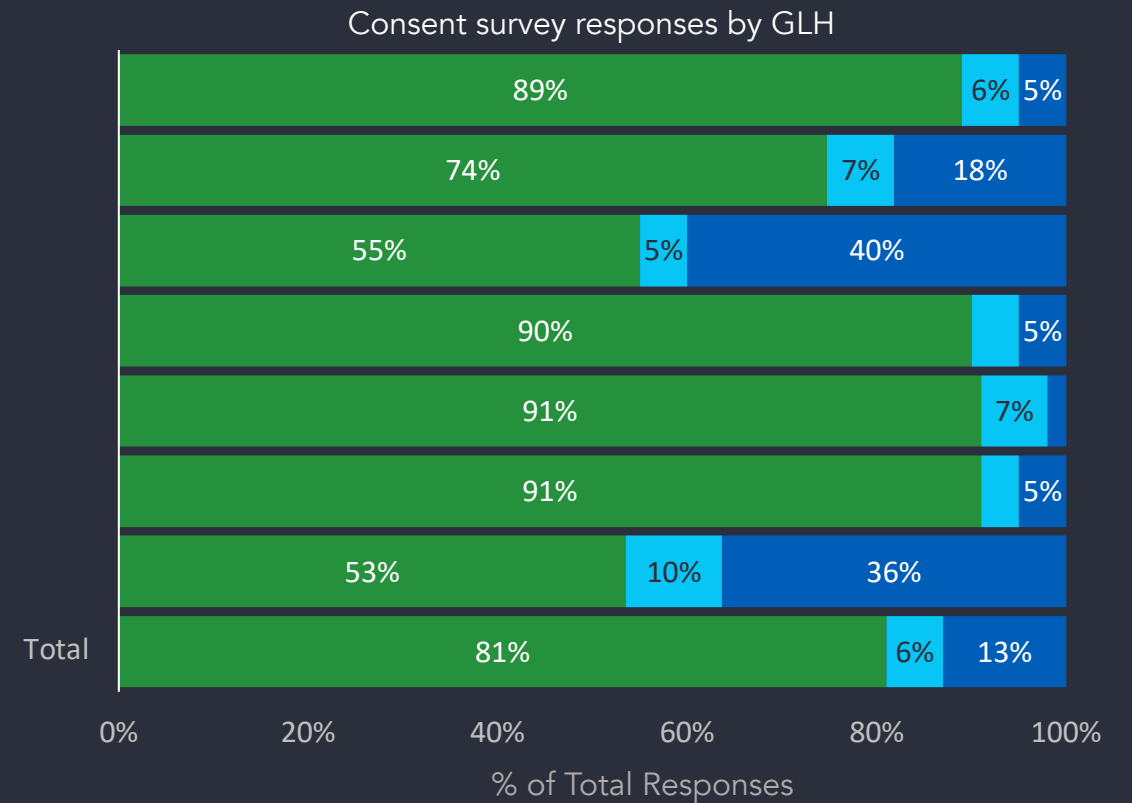
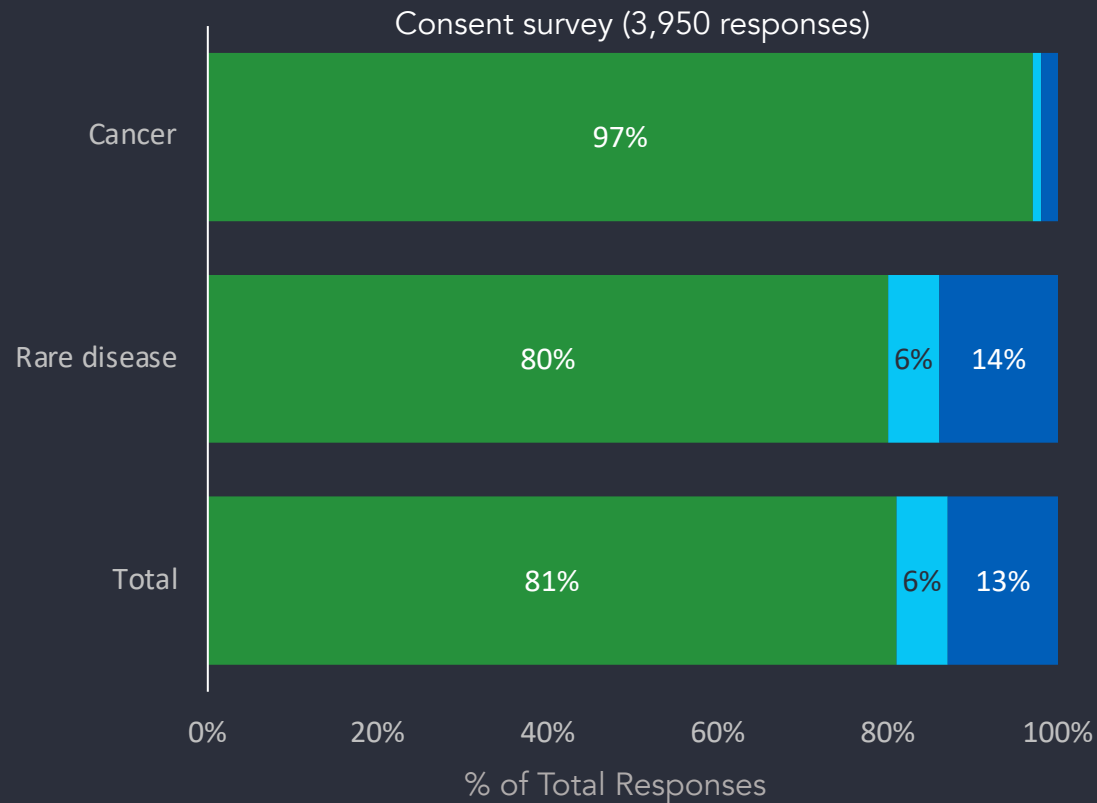
# The future: Genomic Medicine Service



# The future: Genomic Medicine Service

What consent have patients given for research?

Answers Yes No No response



Consented that data and samples may be used for research, separate to NHS care

# 8. Getting help

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Check our documentation:

- <https://research-help.genomicsengland.co.uk/>
- Click on the documentation icon in the environment



Contact our Service Desk:

- [ge-servicedesk@genomicsengland.co.uk](mailto:ge-servicedesk@genomicsengland.co.uk)

# 9. Questions

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# Future sessions

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- 24<sup>th</sup> May Building a cohort based on phenotypes and a matching control cohort
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July Finding participants based on genotypes
- 20<sup>th</sup> September Getting medical history for participants
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November Using the HPC to run jobs

# Thank you