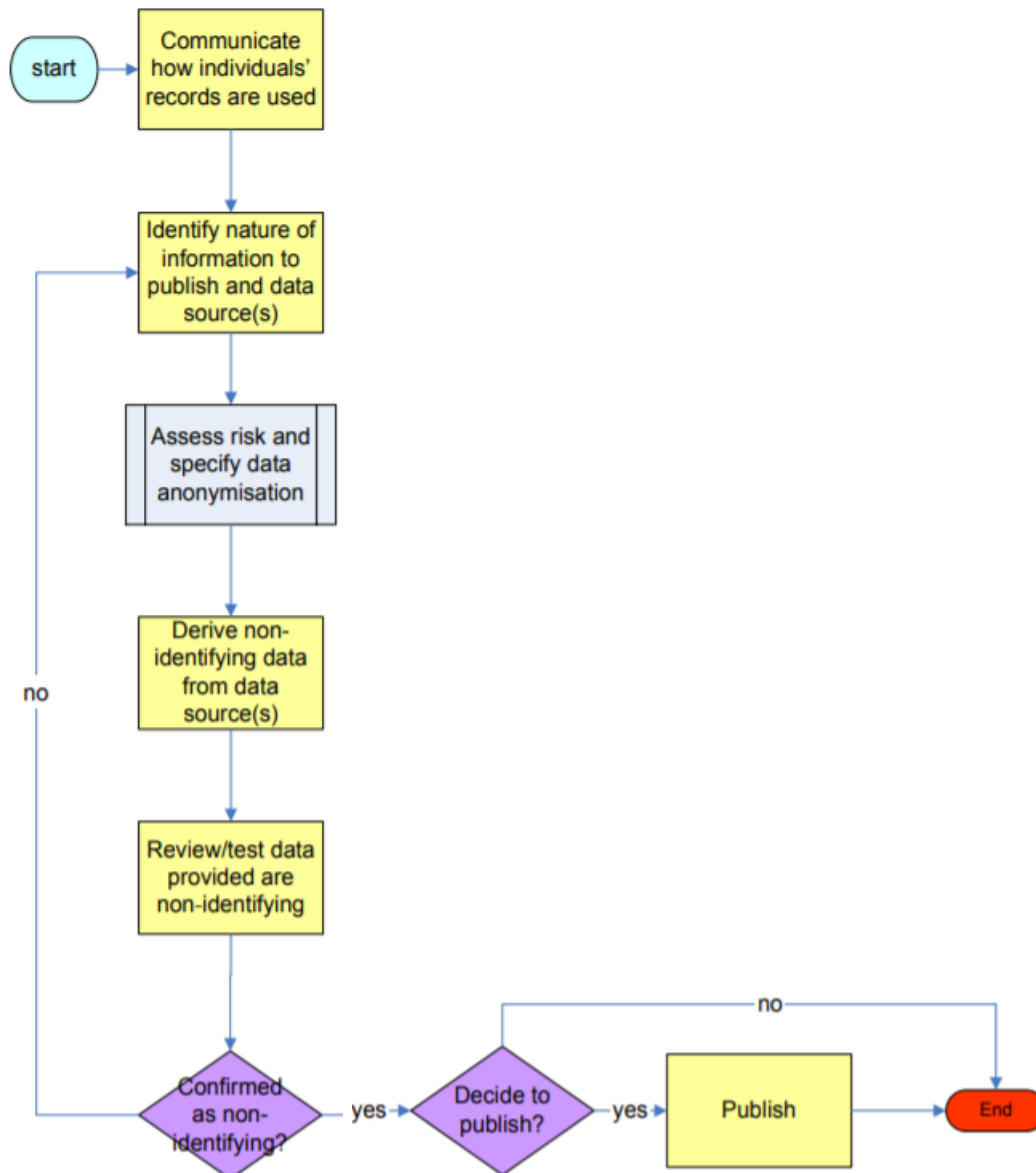


Appendix A – Anonymisation Methods to apply to Sensitive Data

Data item	How to de-identify	
	For Internal Use	For External Use
Name	Do not display	Do not supply
Address	Do not display	Do not supply
Date of birth	Replace by age in years. For new-borns use months instead.	Replace by age or age ranges in years. For new-borns use months or age ranges instead.
Postcode	Only use the first part instead the whole postcode as the latter can be as small as 40 households.	
NHS Number	Pseudonymise or do not display	Pseudonymised / anonymised for one-off extracts or pseudonymised with consistent values (different values for different purposes for the same user) if for repeated extracts
Ethnic category	Identifiable if relevant to report, otherwise do not display	Do not provide unless relevant to the purpose of the analysis
Hospital number	Pseudonymise or do not display	
Unique booking reference number	Pseudonymise or do not display	Pseudonymise
Date of death	Do not display unless relevant to the report in which case shorten to month and year.	Shorten to month and year

Process: Publish non-identifying data

Assess risk and specify data anonymisation

