# The use of geographic modelling in healthcare planning

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## Geographic modelling



## Uses of geographic modelling

#### Planning healthcare delivery

 Location planning by... patient access, disease groups, demographics etc.

#### Logistics

- Ambulance: response times etc
- Efficient visits: "Travelling salesman"

#### Disease modelling

Disease spread/mapping clusters

## Geographic data

#### 1. Data Visualisation



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## Geographic data

#### 1. Data Visualisation

0.345188 0.736609 0.228862 1.205993 1.354395 0.935244 1.242914 1.080396 1.514853 1.201384 1.518561 Etc...



#### Geographic data: Patient activity



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#### Geographic data: Patient access



Public transport journey times (minutes) for complex vascular surgery

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#### Geographic data: Polyclinics



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#### Geographic data: Disease mapping



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#### Case Study: Derbyshire PCT



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Context: closing a hospital in Derby City

 What effect would it have on patient
 attendance in Derby and Nottingham?



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## Case Study: Derbyshire PCT

#### • Came up with two primary models:

- 1. Model on 'go to nearest' (journey time)
- 2. Model the prefs for services already at the new hospital: 'same as new'
- Various sub-models looking at:
  - Inpatients: elective/non-elective
  - ED/A&E: Ambulance & self-present
  - Outpatients... Etc.



#### Inpatients, Derby Royal Infirmary - activity by travel time

Travel time (mins)





## Case Study: Inpatients

Predictions of **Inpatient attendance**:

'Go to nearest' higher than 'same as new'.
The client felt that 'same as new' was the closer option, with 'go to nearest' at limit.
Predictions of 'same as new' model:

1,500 people/year increase in Notts. e.g.
-1.2% at Derby, +7% at Notts.

#### Case Study: Inpatients

All Nottingham inpatient attendance



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## Case Study: Emergency Dept

#### Predictions of **ED/A&E attendance**:

•Only had 'go to nearest' model

#### Predictions were

2,700 people/year increase in Notts. e.g.
-3.2% at Derby, +31% at Notts.

## Case Study: Emergency

All Nottingham ED attendance



## Case Study: Emergency

**All Nottingham ED attendance** 





#### Questions?



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