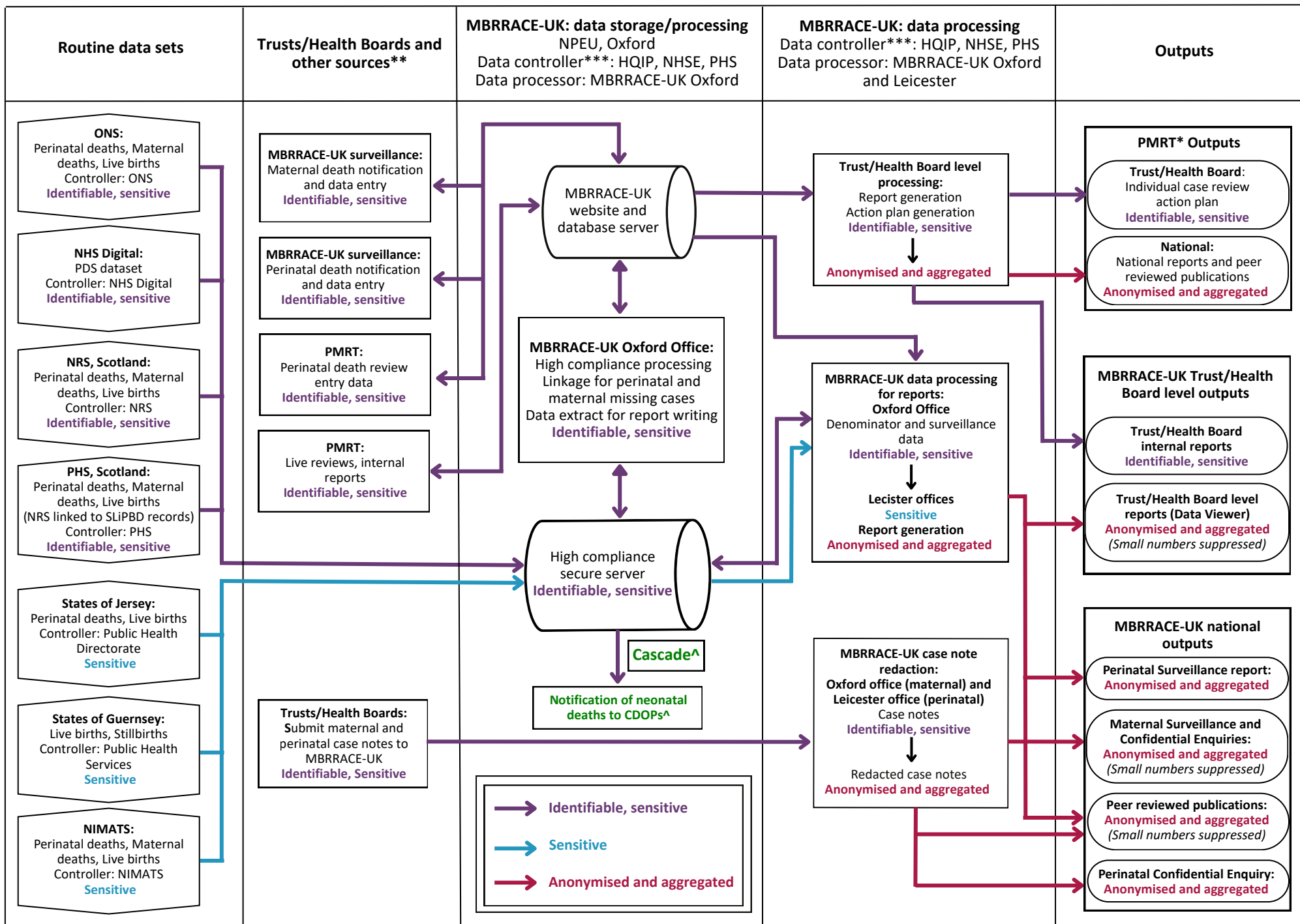
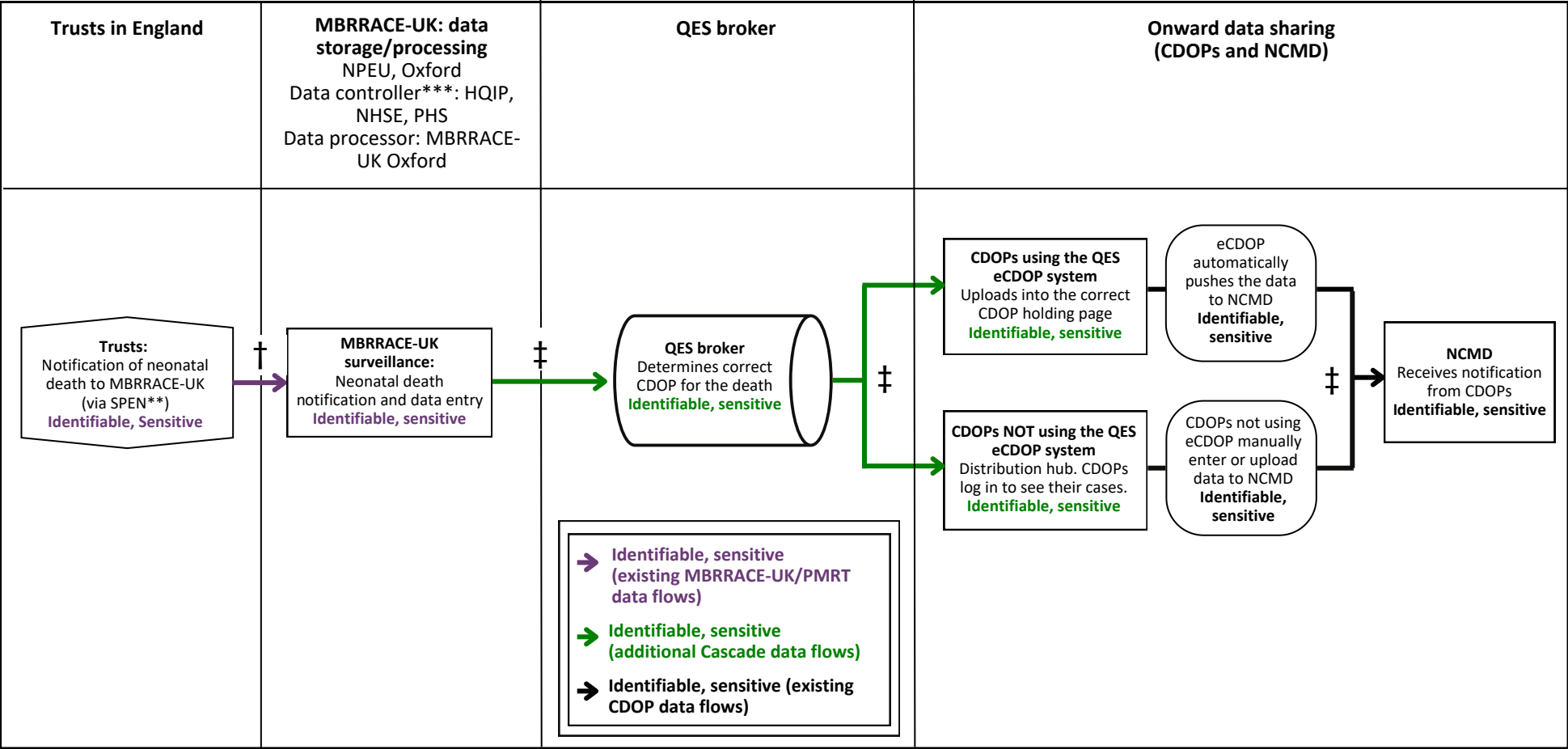


MBRRACE-UK and PMRT* data flows - V7 - 20/01/2026



^Cascade integration - V1 - 20/01/2026

Onward notification of neonatal deaths to Child Death Overview Panels (CDOPs) via the MBRRACE-UK surveillance data collection system (England only)



Legal basis for Cascade data flows

GDPR relating to all flows: Article 6 (1) (e); Article 9 (2) (i)

†indicates data flows under Section 251 of NHS Act 2006 and the Health Service (Control of Patient Information Regulations) 2002 (15/CAG/0019)

‡indicates data flows under the Children Act 2004

Legal basis for the data processing of identifiable and sensitive personal information without consent:

England and Wales – with respect to the common law duty of confidence

s251 approval following application to the Confidentiality Advisory Group of the Health Research Authority:

15/CAG/0119 - for MBRRACE-UK; previously ECC 5-05(f)/2012

17/CAG/0150 - for the PMRT *

Under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)

Article 6 (1) (e) - processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the data controller***.

and

Article 9 (2) (i) - processing is necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health, in ensuring high standards of quality and safety of health care.

**As of 1 October 2022, the work of the PMRT is commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) for NHS England, NHS Wales, the Health and Social Care Division of the Scottish government, the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Northern Ireland (DHSSPS), the States of Jersey, Guernsey, and the Isle of Man. DHSC are the data controller for the PMRT programme.*

***For Trusts in England, notifications of maternal and perinatal deaths are made via the Submit a Perinatal Event Notification (SPEN) Portal. For maternal deaths, case notes are also uploaded through this portal. Information submitted to the SPEN portal is automatically forwarded to MBRRACE-UK.*

****Of note the Healthcare Quality Partnership (HQIP) that commissions MBRRACE-UK is the data controller. In England HQIP is the joint data controller with NHSE England; in Wales, HQIP and Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) are joint data controllers; In Scotland HQIP and the Scottish Health Boards are independent data controllers and; in Guernsey, HQIP and the Committee for Health and Social Care, Guernsey are independent data controllers. For the rest of the UK, HQIP is the sole data controller.*

^The Cascade integration (outlined in detail in the data flow diagram and in a separate [guidance document](#)) is the process for notifying neonatal deaths to Child Death Overview Panels (CDOPs) in England. All neonatal deaths (babies born alive at 20 weeks gestation or greater who die up to 28 days after birth) in England that are notified to MBRRACE-UK will be automatically forwarded to the appropriate CDOP and then on to the National Child Mortality Database (NCMD).