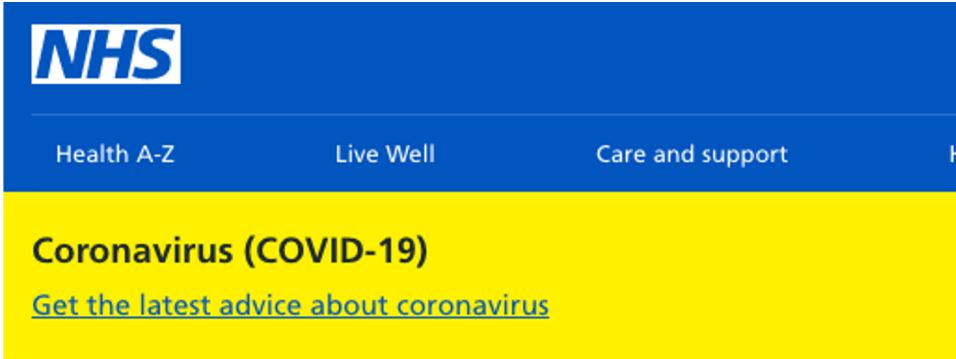




Using data to help  
people get active



# The Problem



NHS

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Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
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## Inactivity 'twice as deadly' as obesity

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## Lack of exercise as 'deadly' as smoking

Wednesday 18 July 2012

Inactivity is "as deadly as smoking" reported the Daily Mail, describing how a lack of exercise is now causing as many deaths as smoking across the world.

Thursday January 15 2015

"Lack of exercise is twice as deadly as obesity," The Daily Telegraph reports. The headline is prompted by a Europe-wide study on [obesity](#), exercise and health outcomes.

Researchers wanted to see how many deaths could theoretically be avoided if inactive people became more active, compared to how many would be avoided if obese people lost weight.



Sitting down – the new smoking?

# Gap within the Physical Activity sector



I want to go on holiday!



Loads of choice of how to book



Great search tools - easy to search through availability



Booked, paid and off I go!

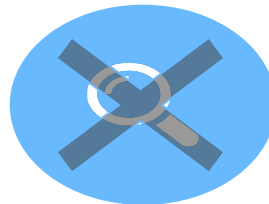
vs



I want to be active!



Limited choice. Hard to find what I'm looking for.



Nowhere to easily search what's available



Give up. Remain inactive.



Research from Sport England shows 1/5 of adults have been put off doing a physical activity because it was too difficult to find or book on

# The Solution

Using open data, we want to kickstart a digital transformation to tackle inactivity and increase participation in sport and physical activity.



# Who is involved?

## Stewarding Open Active



## OpenActive community members



# How does it work?

OpenActive supports organisations to publish data about Physical activities

Activity Finders use data and make opportunities discoverable/searchable

End users become active from finding and booking activities



Data Standards, Tools and guidance



Real-time timetables



Bookings



# Traction so far



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## Our members

OpenActive is a community-led initiative for the sport and physical activity sector.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY →

## A community innovating through collaboration

From startups to charities, Active Partnerships to leisure management software companies, meet & embed OpenActive as standard practice across the sport and physical activity sector.

leisure



active derbyshire



ActiveEssex

Active Gloucestershire

## Using open data to get 10 million people in the UK active



+150K activities published openly per month

+48 Orgs publishing and using open data



## National GetOutside Day: how open data can power your campaign to get more people active



Open data has the potential to help sport and physical activity organisations turn awareness into action. Last year, Ordnance Survey (OS) started to explore how using open opportunity data could help more people to get outside more often. We look at what they've learned so far, and what's coming next for GetOutside.

This week ukactive — one of the stewards of the OpenActive initiative — launched the 2020 National Fitness Day campaign, which will feature an activity finder powered by open data.

In 2019, National Fitness Day inspired 4 million people to get more active. This year, that target has more than doubled. By mobilising the sector to provide a mix of (socially distanced and safe!) in-person and online activities, ukactive aims to inspire 10 million people to get active on 23 September 2020.

+1000 Sites around England with activities

14% Estimated size of the sector that is working openly



# Future plans

- Lowering barriers to implementing the Open Booking API (= revenue generation)
- Building new [OpenActive standards](#) that support activity providers to meet the needs of users with special accessibility requirements
- Understanding the impact of OpenActive on the health sector, including mental health and wellbeing
- Increased interoperability with other standards, e.g. Open Referral UK



# Impact to date

- 694 activity types listed, from abseiling to zumba
- 59 datasets regularly publishing and updated, covering hundreds of organisations
- An external assessment of OpenActive estimates:
  - up to £3 million per year in health costs avoided
  - up to a £20 million per year increase in productivity
  - the avoidance of up to 100 premature deaths per year

Everyone has a role to play in delivering OpenActive's mission.  
[See how you can get involved in the initiative](#), and help more  
people get active with open data.