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My project

Where did you come from, where did you go, where should you go to treat that broken elbow: A tool exploring proximity to and demand on health services.

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Problem statement

Project deliverables

Research

Design

Planning

30 pages
6,580
words

Contents

Public facing health service locator tool.

Analysis of historic A&E attendances data to explore the relationship between proximity to and demand on A&Es.

Abstract

Exploring the impact of distance from health services on demand. This project has two phases, the creation of a public facing health service locator tool and an analysis of historic A&E attendance data to explore the relationship between proximity to and demand on A&Es. This analysis aimed to further the understanding of why people unnecessarily attend A&E. Specifically looking at the impact of distance travelled in the hope of adding to existing research on the general public's interaction with local health services. The public facing tool provides travel time and distance estimates from a specified location to a range of local health services via different modes of transport. The aim of the tool is to better inform potential patients of the range of services available to them to minimise unnecessary attendances at A&E.

Health service locator

Use this app to identify your nearest health services.

Enter your current location:

Enter your postcode below:

Show/hide advanced options

Travelling by:

driving

Select service types:

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lm(formula = prop_unnec ~ act_dist_hosp + dist_hosp +
nearest_hosp_att, data = HES_comb_w)

Coefficients:
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(Intercept)         2.322e-01  1.210e-03 191.942  < 2e-16 ***
act_dist_hosp       3.401e-04  7.493e-06  45.382  < 2e-16 ***
dist_hosp          -1.533e-03  2.124e-04  -7.219 5.26e-13 ***
nearest_hosp_attTRUE 1.877e-02  5.144e-03   3.648 0.000264 ***
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Residual standard error: 0.3659 on 227797 degrees of freedom
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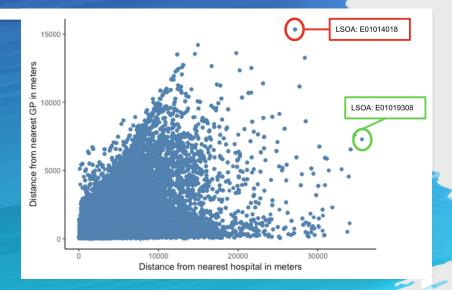
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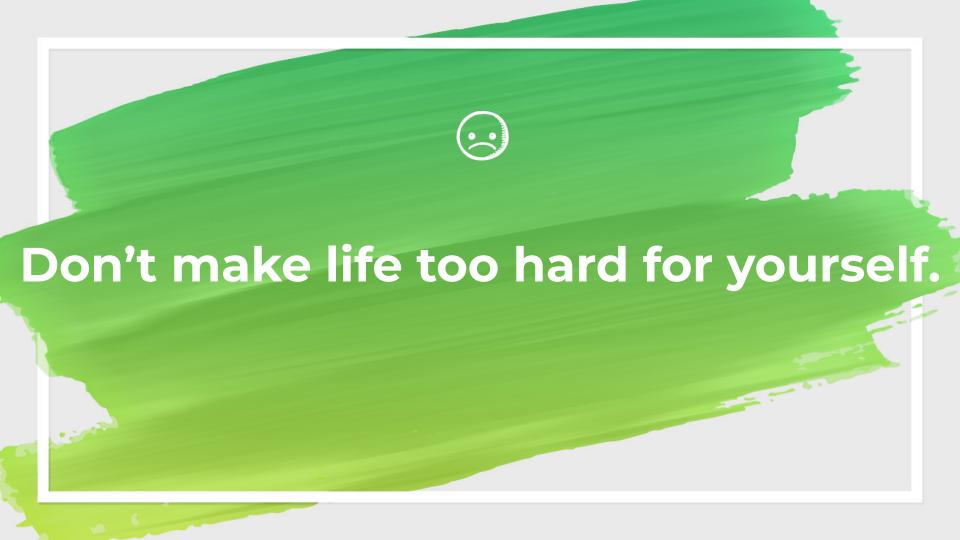
Don't sprint when you are running a marathon.

Be prepared to work hard.

Productivity & Procrastination

Ambition vs realism

Don't make life too hard for yourself.

Reflections

Know your audience.

What's most important isn't always what's most interesting to you.

Does it need to work?

Report > project

Academic Achievement
vs
Personal Development

Don't be upset with the results you didn't get with the work you didn't do.

Do more coding.

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