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- 4.2.2 INFRASTRUCTURE/REGISTERS
- Registers are found in numerous areas and can be used for important and unique studies but they are not used to the extent that is possible. Registers exist that are very rich in content but need development in order to be used for research, for example by being combined with data concerning the whole population from other registers. Sweden's unique access to quality-assured data in various types of register and biobanks together with high epidemiological and subject-specific competencies should be developed by making the databases efficiently available, and research with them as a tool should be supported. This applies not least to Sweden's unique series of standard of living studies through which consequences at individual level of social changes can bemeasured. Research on registers in the broadest sense of the term requires legalcompetence, e.g. for the use of personal information, clinical data in biobanksand in general in order to process databases within the framework of the law.Legal competence is also essential in many welfare studies that are based on complex legal situations and need to be developed in cooperation with other lines of research.

- **Register research competence:** The competence to research and develop data that is found for example in quality registers in health care and in databases at supervisory authorities needs to be increased. This also applies for the extensive databases that already exist and are created within the social sciences for example with unique longitudinal data within the health and welfare area.

Yes, we want to, but can we?

We can fund research using registries, bio-banks and databases, and we do!