**General Practice Data for Planning and Research (GPDfPR) - data collection**

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| How sharing patient data with NHS Digital helps the NHS and you:The NHS needs data about the patients it treats in order to plan and deliver its services and to ensure that care and treatment provided is safe and effective. The General Practice Data for Planning and Research data collection will help the NHS to improve health and care services for everyone by collecting patient data that can be used to do this. For example patient data can help the NHS to:* monitor the long-term safety and effectiveness of care
* plan how to deliver better health and care services
* prevent the spread of infectious diseases
* identify new treatments and medicines through health research

GP practices already share patient data for these purposes, but this new data collection will be more efficient and effective.We have agreed to share the patient data we look after in our practice with NHS Digital who will securely store, analyse, publish and share this patient data to improve health and care services for everyone. This includes:* informing and developing health and social care policy
* planning and commissioning health and care services
* taking steps to protect public health (including managing and monitoring the coronavirus pandemic)
* in exceptional circumstances, providing you with individual care
* enabling healthcare and scientific research

This means that we can get on with looking after our patients and NHS Digital can provide controlled access to patient data to the NHS and other organisations who need to use it to improve health and care for everyone.Contributing to research projects will benefit us all as better and safer treatments are introduced more quickly and effectively without compromising your privacy and confidentiality.NHS Digital has engaged with the [British Medical Association (BMA)](http://www.bma.org.uk/), [Royal College of GPs (RCGP)](http://www.rcgp.org.uk/) and the [National Data Guardian (NDG)](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-data-guardian) to ensure relevant safeguards are in place for patients and GP practices.To view further information please [click here](https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/general-practice-data-for-planning-and-research/transparency-notice) to navigate to the NHS Digital Webpage which provides up to date information on the Data Collection Service.Opting out of NHS Digital collecting your dataIf you wish to register a Type 1 Opt-out with your GP practice before data sharing starts with NHS Digital, this should be done by [**returning this form**](https://nhs-prod.global.ssl.fastly.net/binaries/content/assets/website-assets/data-and-information/data-collections/general-practice-data-for-planning-and-research/type-1-opt-out-form.docx) to your GP practice by **23 June 2021** to allow time for processing it.If you do not want NHS Digital to share your identifiable patient data with anyone else for purposes beyond your own care, then you can also register a [**National Data Opt-out**](https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/)**.** |
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| **Purpose of GPDfPR Data Collection** | The General Practice Data for Planning and Research data collection will help the NHS to improve health and care services for everyone. For example:* Monitor the long-term safety and effectiveness of care
* Plan how to deliver better health and care services
* Prevent the spread of infectious diseases
* Identify new treatments and medicines through health research
* Research the long-term impact of coronavirus on the population
* Analyse healthcare inequalities
* Research a d develop cures for serious illnesses
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| **Who will collect this data?** | NHS Digital only |
| **What data will be collected?** | The following data may be collected from GP medical records:* any living patient registered at a GP practice in England when the collection started - this includes children and adults
* any patient who died after 1 July 2021, and was previously registered at a GP practice in England when the data collection started

NHS Digital **will not** collect patients’ names or addresses. Any other data that could directly identify patients (such as NHS Number, date of birth, full postcode) will be replaced with unique codes which are produced by de-identification software before the data is shared with NHS Digital. Known as pseudonymisation.  |
| **Who will receive this pseudonymised data?** | NHS Digital will share pseudonymised data with relevant organisations, so that they can use the data to improve health and care services going forward.  |
| **Will NHS Digital share patient data?** | Yes. NHS Digital will receive pseudonymised data, to allow the use of the information for local, regional and national planning, policy development, commissioning, public health and research purposes.  |
| **Can patients opt out?** | Yes. Although the data going across to NHS Digital will be pseudonymised, a patient may not want to share this and may want to opt out of this data collection completely. Patients can opt out of their data being used for research and planning purposes. This can be done by the practice or the patient can opt-out through the National Data Opt Out Service: <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out>  |
| **When will NHS Digital start to collect this data?** | Collection can begin after 1st July 2021. |
| 4) **Lawful basis** for processing | The legal basis will be *Article 6(1) (c) “processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject.”* And *Article 9(2)(h) “processing is necessary for the purposes of preventive or occupational medicine, for the assessment of the working capacity of the employee, medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services on the basis of Union or Member State law or pursuant to contract with a health professional and subject to the conditions and safeguards referred to in paragraph 3;”* |
| 5) **Recipient or categories of recipients** of the shared data | The data will be shared with NHS Digital according to directions which can be found at <https://digital.nhs.uk/article/8059/NHS-England-Directions->  |
| 6) **Rights to object**  | You have the right to object to some or all of the information being shared with NHS Digital. Contact the Data Controller for the practice. |
| 7) **Right to access and correct** | You have the right to access the data that is being shared and have any inaccuracies corrected. There is no right to have accurate medical records deleted except when ordered by a court of Law. |
| 8**) Retention period**  | The data will be retained for active use during the processing and thereafter according to NHS Policies and the law. |
| 9) **Right to Complain**.  | You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner’s Office, you can use this link <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/> or calling their helpline Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate) There are National Offices for Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, (see ICO website)/ |