

The Trust is one of many organisations working in the health and care sector to improve care for patients and the public. The Information collected about you when you are using NHS services can be provided to other approved organisations, where there is a legal basis, to help with planning services, improving care provided, research into developing new treatments and preventing illness.

All of these help to provide better health care for you, your family and future generations. Confidential personal information about your health and care is only used in this way where allowed by law and would never be used for insurance or marketing purposes without your explicit consent.

You have a choice about whether you want your confidential patient information to be used in this way.

The National Data Opt Out Programme applies to:

- research - finding ways to improve treatments and identify causes and cures for illness.
- planning – to improve and enable the efficient and safe provision of health and care services.

The National Data Opt Out Programme does not apply when:

- Data is shared for an individual's care and treatment – e.g. where data is shared between health and care professionals in a hospital and in a GP Practice.
- Legal requirement / public interest – e.g. there is a mandatory legal requirement such as court order to protect the greater interests of the general public.
- Consent – e.g. you have given consent to take part in a research study.
- Data is anonymised – e.g. the data shared is determined to be compliant with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) Anonymisation: managing data protection risk code of practice.

You can find out more about the wider use of confidential personal information and to register your choice to opt out by visiting www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters