



Health Data and Secure Environments

Easy Read: Your Health Data and the Secure Data Environment



What is this about?

We want to explain how we use your information.

We will tell you:

- What information we use
- Why we use it
- How we keep it safe
- Your rights

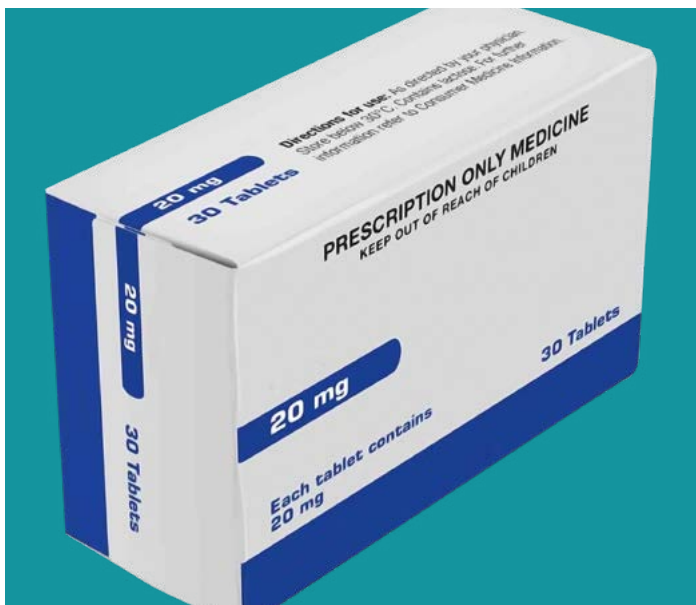


Who we are

We are the Yorkshire and Humber Secure Data Environment (SDE).

We are a group of NHS organisations and universities.

We provide a safe place where researchers can study health information.



Why we use your information

Health and care services collect information when they support you.

We use this information to help research that benefits the public.



This includes:

- Improving treatments
- Helping people get diagnosed sooner
- Making NHS services better
- Understanding long-term health



Researchers can only use the data if:

- The project is approved
- It benefits the public



Where the information comes from

Your information may come from:

- GP practices
- Hospitals
- NHS England
- Social care services
- Local councils

What information we use



We may use information about:

- Your health and treatment
- Test results
- Care needs or disabilities
- Background information (like ethnicity)



Sometimes we use small details like:

- Your name
- Date of birth
- NHS number

This is only to match records correctly.



Then we remove these details.

Researchers cannot see your name or identify you.

Who can see the information?



Only approved researchers can use the data.

They must:

- Be checked and approved
- Complete training
- Follow strict rules



Each research project must also be approved by a committee that includes members of the public.



Keeping your information safe

Your information is stored in a secure system.

We use trusted companies to help run the system.

They must follow strict security rules.

How long we keep information



We only keep information:

- As long as it is needed for research
- As long as we are allowed by law

Any information we use is deleted at the end of a project.

Your rights

You can:

- Ask to see your data. This is the information collected from your GP, hospital etc



- Ask to correct it
- Ask to delete it
- Ask to limit how it is used
- Ask for it to be only used for certain things



Sometimes you may need to contact your GP or hospital instead.



Choosing not to share your information (Opt out)



You can choose not to have your information used for research.

This is called opting out.

You can:

- Use the NHS National Data Opt-Out
- Tell your GP

This will not affect your care

Contact us

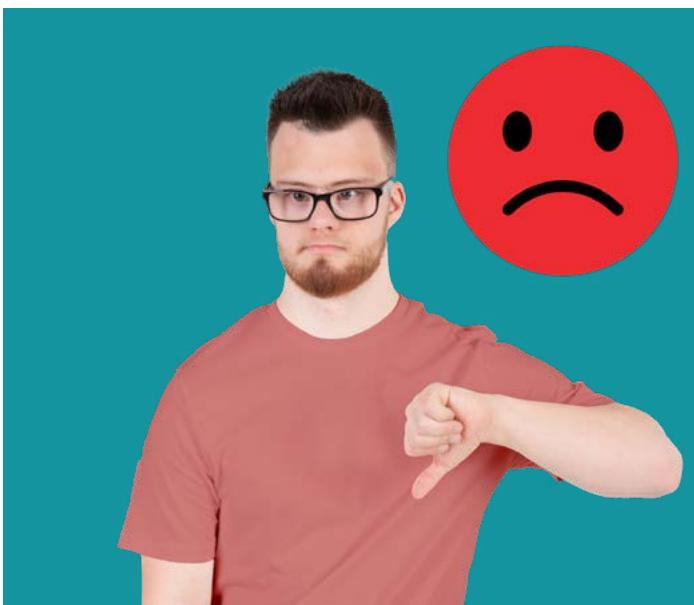
If you have questions, you can email: YHSDE@bthft.nhs.uk



Complaints

If you are unhappy, you can:

1. Contact us first
2. Then contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)



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