

Privacy Notice - Research

Plain English explanation

This practice participates in research. We will only agree to participate in any project if there is an agreed clearly defined reason for the research that is likely to benefit healthcare and patients. Such proposals will normally have a consent process, ethics committee approval, and will be in line with the principles of Article 89(1) of GDPR.

Research organisations do not usually approach patients directly but will ask us to make contact with suitable patients to seek their consent. Occasionally research can be authorised under law without the need to obtain consent. This is known as the section 251 arrangement¹. We may also use your medical records to carry out research within the practice.

We will not share information with medical research organisations without your explicit consent or when the law allows. The practice will contact you to explain the research and you will be given the opportunity to “opt in” to the research

You have the right to object to your identifiable information being used or shared for medical research purposes. Please speak to the practice if you wish to object.

1) Data Controller contact details	Drs Hugh Nielsen & Ruth Brown The Village Medical Centre 20 Quarry Street L25 6HE
2) Data Protection Officer contact details	Karen Hewitt Address as above
3) Purpose of the sharing	Medical research.
4) Lawful basis for processing or sharing	Identifiable data will be shared with researchers either with explicit consent or, where the law allows, without consent. The lawful justifications are: Article 6(1)(a) “the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes” And in addition there are three possible Article 9 justifications Article 9(2)(a) – ‘the data subject has given explicit consent...’ or Article 9(2)(j) – ‘processing is necessary for... scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes in accordance with Article 89(1) based on Union or Member States law which shall be proportionate to the aim pursued, respect the essence of the right to data protection and provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and interests of the data subject’. or

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	Article 9(2)(h) – ‘processing is necessary for the purpose of preventative...medicine...the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services...’
6) Rights to object	You do not have to consent to your data being used for research. You can change your mind and withdraw your consent at any time. Contact the Data Controller or the practice.
7) Right to access and correct	You have the right to access any identifiable data that is being shared and have any inaccuracies corrected.
8) Retention period	The data will be retained for the period as specified in the specific research protocol(s).
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)

1, Section 251 and the NHS Act, Health Research Authority.

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