

There has been a fair amount in the news about the proposed NHS Digital collection of data called **GPRDP** (General Practice Data for Planning and Research) - eg <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2021/may/30/gps-warn-plans-share-patient-data-third-parties-england>

For full information of the scheme , see the NHS Digital site using the link below.

see <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/general-practice-data-for-planning-and-research>

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) is replaced with unique codes which are produced by de-identification software before the data is shared with NHS Digital.

This process is called pseudonymisation and means that patients will not be identified directly in the data. NHS Digital will be able to use the software to convert the unique codes back to data that could directly identify patients in certain circumstances, and where there is a valid legal reason.

The practice only found out about it at the end of last week.

The deadline is very soon, so you need to ACT NOW if now if you do not wish to happen to your data. You need to OPT Out BY THE 23 rd JUNE 2021

You can opt out

- 1) Of sharing your GP data by [returning this form](#) to the practice
- 2) Of sharing your other health data by completing a National Data Opt Out here <https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/manage-your-choice/>

One of these alone WILL NOT BE ENOUGH to stop all of your data being shared, you must do both if that is your wish.

Opting out – detailed information

If you don't want your identifiable patient data to be shared for purposes except for your own care, you can opt-out by registering a [Type 1 Opt-out](#) or a [National Data Opt-out](#), or both. These opt-outs are different and

they are explained in more detail below. Your individual care will not be affected if you opt-out using either option.

Type 1 Opt-out (opting out of NHS Digital collecting your data)

We will not collect data from GP practices about patients who have registered a Type 1 Opt-out with their practice. More information about Type 1 Opt-outs is in our [GP Data for Planning and Research Transparency Notice](#), including a form that you can complete and send to your GP practice.

This collection will start on 1 July 2021 so if you do not want your data to be shared with NHS Digital please register your Type 1 Opt-out with your GP practice by **23 June 2021**.

If you register a Type 1 Opt-out after this collection has started, no more of your data will be shared with us. We will however still hold the patient data which was shared with us before you registered the Type 1 Opt-out.

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.

National Data Opt-out (opting out of NHS Digital sharing your data)

We will collect data from GP medical records about patients who have registered a National Data Opt-out. The National Data Opt-out applies to identifiable patient data about your health, which is called confidential patient information.

NHS Digital won't share any confidential patient information about you - this includes GP data, or other data we hold, such as hospital data - with other organisations, unless there is an exemption to this.

To find out more information and how to register a National Data Opt-Out, please read our [GP Data for Planning and Research Transparency Notice](#).