

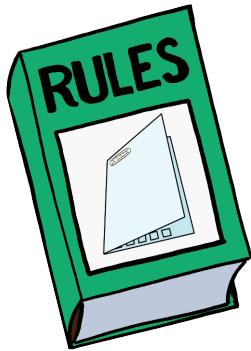


# Your information matters to the NHS



EasyRead version

# Your confidential patient information is important to us. Your information can also be called your data

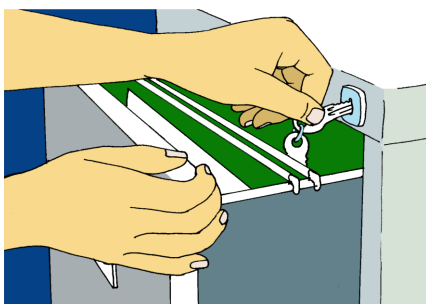


There are strict rules about how your confidential patient information can be used.

Confidential patient information says who you are and has things like your name and information about your health and care in it.



This EasyRead leaflet is about the choices you have about how we use your confidential patient information.



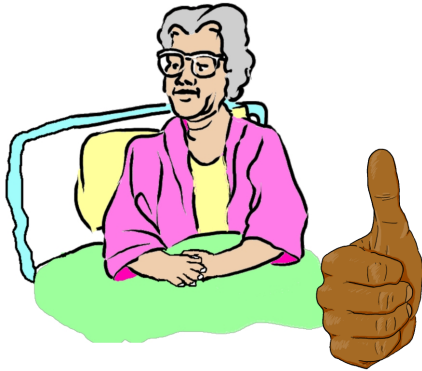
We promise to keep your information safe and always be clear about how it is used.



You can find out more about this on our web site:

**[nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters](https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters)**

# How your data is used



Information about your health and care helps us:

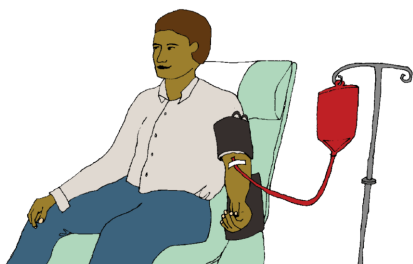
- look after you better



- find out more quickly what is wrong with you



- plan your local services like GP clinics or how many nurses and doctors are needed

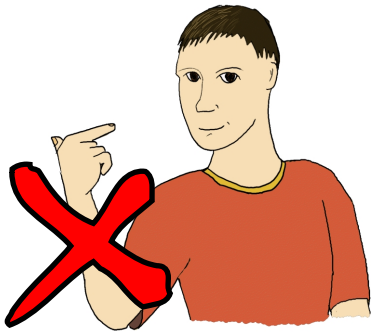


- look into new treatments.



You can choose if your confidential patient information can be used to help with new treatments and planning services.

# Including your information



When we can we try not to use your name on information used for things like planning.



We will still use your name and address and your NHS number so we can tell you about any changes to your services for example changes with your GP.



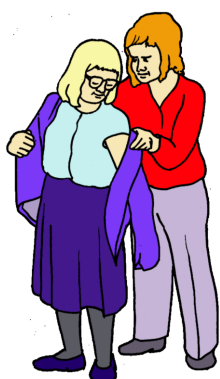
Sometimes we do need to use your details and information about your health, care or treatment.

# Who can use your confidential patient information for planning and looking into new treatments?

Your patient confidential information can be used by:



- the NHS



- adult social care



- universities and medical colleges



- companies inventing and testing new medicines.

# Choosing if you want your confidential patient information to be used for planning and looking into new treatments



You can choose if you want your confidential patient information to be used for planning and looking into new treatments.



If you decide not to share your confidential patient information that will not change your care at all.



We will still send you invites for things like screening for bowel cancer.

## What to do



If you are happy about how your confidential patient information is used you do not have to do anything else.



If you do not want your confidential patient information to be used for planning and looking into new treatments you can:



Choose to opt out safely online:  
**[nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters](https://nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters)**



Or you can use our telephone service:  
Call: **0300 303 5678**





Ask a friend or carer if you need help.



You can change your choice at any time.



It meets the European EasyRead Standard.



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