

Privacy Notice – Public Health

We take the security of your data seriously. This document sets out more information about a particular scenario relating to your data and should be read in conjunction with the adult & children's privacy notices.

Public Health

Public health encompasses everything from national smoking and alcohol policies, the management of epidemics such as flu, the control of large scale infections such as TB and Hepatitis B to local outbreaks of food poisoning or Measles. Certain illnesses are also notifiable; the doctors treating the patient are required by law to inform the Public Health Authorities, for instance Scarlet Fever.

This will necessarily mean the subjects personal and health information being shared with the Public Health organisations.

Some of the relevant legislation includes: the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010 (SI 2010/659), the Health Protection (Local Authority Powers) Regulations 2010 (SI 2010/657), the Health Protection (Part 2A Orders) Regulations 2010 (SI 2010/658), Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984, Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988 and The Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002.

We are required by Articles in the General Data Protection Regulations to provide you with the information in the following 9 subsections.

Data Controller contact details

Dr Mark Edwards, Caldicott Guardian
University Health Service, University of Southampton, Highfield, Southampton SO17 1BJ
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Data Protection Officer contact details

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Purpose of the processing

There are occasions when medical data needs to be shared with Public Health England, the Local Authority Director of Public Health, or the Health Protection Agency, either under a legal obligation or for reasons of public interest or their equivalents in the devolved nations.

Lawful basis for processing

The legal basis will be:

Article 6(1)(c) "processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject."; and

Article 9(2)(i) "processing is necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health, such as protecting against serious cross-border threats to health or ensuring high standards of quality and safety of health care and of medicinal products or medical devices,.."

Recipient or categories of recipients of the shared data

The data will be shared with Public Health England

Rights to object

You have the right to object to some or all of the information being shared with the recipients. Contact the Data Controller or the practice.

Right to access and correct

You have the right to access the data that is being shared and have any inaccuracies corrected. There is no right to have accurate medical records deleted except when ordered by a court of Law.

Retention period

The data will be retained for active use during the period of the public interest and according to legal requirements and Public Health England’s criteria on storing identifiable data.

Right to Complain

To complain, please contact either the practice’s Caldicott Guardian or Data Protection Officer.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner’s Office:

Address: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545 745

Web: <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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