

Privacy Notice – University of York

This privacy notice is to provide you with details of the ways in which personal data received from Bradford Institute of Health Research is processed by the University of York, including how it is gathered, used, stored and shared.

Who is responsible for the data?

For the purposes of this privacy notice, the University of York is a Data Controller, as defined in the General Data Protection Regulations (EU) 2016/679 (the 'GDPR') and the U.K. Data Protection Act 2018 (together the 'Data Protection Laws').

[The University of York \('York'\) is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office.](#)
Registration number: Z4855807.

We have an appointed Data Protection Officer who can be contacted as follows: Data Protection Officer, University of York, University of York, Heslington, York, YO10 5DD, UK. dataprotection@york.ac.uk

What is the purpose of the health and care research?

The project is 'Evaluating the cost-effectiveness of modifications to urban green spaces'. The objective of this research is to assess the cost-effectiveness of an intervention designed to improve parks and other green spaces in a deprived area in Bradford. This analysis will use an NHS perspective, and a local government perspective by measuring the impact of modifications to green spaces on mental health outcomes, physical health outcomes and health-related cross-sectoral outcomes. The research is funded by NIHR Yorkshire and Humber Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) England, who may use this information to review and share the methods for conducting an economic evaluation of an environmental intervention. The results could also inform decisions around the investments in environmental health interventions.

Where do we get your data from and what data do we have?

For this research, we will use data received from the Bradford Institute of Health Research (BIHR).

The data will include survey information collected under Born in Bradford including the Baseline, Growing Up and geographical information surveys as indicated under the data sharing agreement SP631. These datasets include information on socio-economic information, access to green spaces, and baseline health indicators. We will also be using participants linked health records on outpatient visits related to mental health outcomes related to depression and anxiety.

As defined in the data sharing agreement "Records are de-identified by removing personal identifiers and replacing them with pseudonymous study ID codes. Dates of birth and death are degraded to month and year only. Residential information is removed and replaced with

postcode sector and/or LSOA. Clinical letters, images and free text are removed from health records.”.

We will also be using data collected through observational park audits using the tool “System of Observing Play and Recreation in Communities”. These observations will be used to analyse any overall changes in the level of physical activity in the selected green spaces.

The data from linked health records originates from users of healthcare services and are provided in pseudonymised format which means that individuals are not identified in the data nor are they identifiable by the researchers who analyse the data.

What is our legal basis for processing your data?

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the University has to identify a legal basis for processing personal data and, where appropriate, an additional condition for processing special category data. Some of the data we process (ethnicity and data concerning health) is in the category of special data.

In line with our charter which states that we advance learning and knowledge by teaching and research, the University processes personal data for research purposes under Article 6 (1) (e) of the GDPR: Processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest. Special category data is processed under Article 9 (2) (j): Processing is necessary for archiving purposes in the public interest, or scientific and historical research purposes or statistical purposes.

How will we use your data?

Data will be processed for the purposes outlined in this privacy notice, in order to conduct research involving the economic analysis of health and social care. Your data will not be subject to automated processing or profiling.

Will we share your data with third parties?

No. Only authorised employees of the Centre for Health Economics at the University of York will use the data.

How will we keep your data secure?

The Centre for Health Economics and the University of York have implemented appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect personal data and special category data. Access to information is restricted on a need-to-know basis and the University is committed to the principle of data protection by design and default. The data security arrangements at the Centre for Health Economics and the University form part of the Data Sharing Agreement with BIHR.

Will we transfer your data internationally?

No. Data will not leave the UK.

Will we identify you in any research outputs?

No. The data we hold does not allow us to identify individuals.

How long will we keep your data?

Data will be retained until August 2026. Data will be destroyed safely, in accordance with the Data Protection Laws and in line with our agreement with BIHR governing secure data deletion methods.

What rights do you have in relation to your data?

Under the Data Protection Laws, you have a general right of access to your data, a right to rectification, erasure, restriction, objection or portability. You also have a right to withdraw. Please note not all rights apply where data are processed purely for research purposes. For further information see: Individuals Rights. However, as the identity of the individuals in the pseudonymised data is not known, national opt-outs from the processing or use of this data received from BIHR do not apply.

Questions or concerns

If you have any questions about this privacy notice or concerns about how your data are being processed, please contact Adriana Castelli or Mark Sculpher in the first instance (adriana.castelli@york.ac.uk ; mark.sculpher@york.ac.uk). Queries can also be directed to the University of York's Data Protection Officer at dataprotection@york.ac.uk

Right to complain

If you are unhappy with the way in which your personal data have been handled by the University of York you have a right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office. Information on reporting a concern to the Information Commissioner's Office. We will place any updates to this privacy notice on this webpage.