Privacy Notice – University of York

This privacy notice sets out the ways in which the University of York gathers, uses, stores and shares your data. It also sets out how long we keep your data and what rights you have in relation to your data under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

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 the Best Practice Tariff for hip fracture’. The objective of this research is to assess the cost-effectiveness of the hip fracture Best Practice Tariff (BPT) from an NHS perspective by measuring its impact on process quality and outcomes and comparing it to its cost implications. The research is funded by NHS England, who will use this information to review, and potentially, change the way it implements financial incentives to improve patient care.

Where do we get your data from and what data do we have?
For this research, we will use data from multiple sources.

We have received data from NHS Digital: Hospital Episode Statistics (HES), including Admitted Patient Care, Outpatients, and Accident and Emergency, provided under NHS Digital Data Sharing Agreement DARS-NIC-84254-J2G1Q. These data relate to all people who attended hospital as inpatients, outpatients and/or received critical care and who have attended Accident & Emergency departments. All the data we receive from NHS Digital are pseudonymised which means that we have no means of identifying an individual. We have patient record data, including special category data on health, race and ethnic origin, as per in the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) definitions.

We have received data from the Royal College of Physicians via Crown Informatics: National Hip Fracture Database (NHFD), provided under Data Sharing Agreement FFFAP/DSA/2016/002. These data relate to patients admitted to hospital with hip and femoral fractures. Data linkage to the HES data is provided under NHS Digital Data Sharing Agreement DARS-NIC-50329-G1L1P.

The data originate 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 NHS Digital, they are documented and audited periodically.

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 for the duration of the funding of the projects and until outputs from the research have been published. Data will be destroyed safely, in accordance with the Data Protection Laws and in line with our agreement with NHS Digital 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 NHS Digital 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 Maria Goddard in the first instance (adriana.castelli@york.ac.uk; maria.goddard@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.