

Data Privacy Notice

For patients aged 13 years old and over

Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust

A 'data privacy notice' is a statement created by an organisation, which explains how personal and confidential information about patients is collected, processed, used and shared. This may also be called a privacy statement, fair processing statement/notice or privacy policy. This data privacy notice is issued by Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust (referred to as 'the Trust' and 'we'/'us'/'our' from this point onwards).

By writing this privacy notice, we show our commitment to being open with our patients. We know the importance of protecting your personal information in all that we do.

Why we need your information and how it will be used by health staff for your healthcare

The health professionals who work with you to provide your care will keep records about the treatment and support you receive. Having this information available will help these professionals to work together and share vital information about your health and wellbeing needs.

Health and social care professionals will be able to use the information to assess your needs and work in partnership with you to decide the most suitable treatment or support. We also use your information to inform you of services, for example reminding you of an appointment. We do **not** use your information for marketing purposes.

Who will be controlling your information?

The Trust (we) will be controlling your data and healthcare information.

All of our partners are required to maintain the same standard as the Trust when processing your information.

Each of our partners has a legal duty to protect your personal information and may act as shared data controller or as data controller of its own data. We take your confidentiality very seriously. We are committed to make sure all personal and identifiable information is managed in accordance with the relevant legislation to ensure your information is safe, secure and confidential.

The data we are sharing

It is important that the Trust has up to date and accurate information about you to make sure you receive the best quality care possible.

Your care record with the Trust contains key information such as:

- Personal details – for example your name, address, date of birth and next of kin (such as your parents or guardian(s))
- Names of the health and care professionals looking after you
- Any medications you are taking
- Any allergies you have
- Any health concerns about you
- Your previous referrals to various services
- Dates and reasons for any occasions where you have been admitted to hospital
- Appointments and emergency department attendances
- Assessments
- Care plans and care packages
- Emergency contact details
- Personal data from other sources associated with your care

Please be aware that our records may contain information about your parent(s) or guardian(s), if they are named as your next of kin.

What is the lawful basis for sharing your information?

In order for the Trust to process your information, we need what we call a 'lawful basis' to do so. There are a number of lawful bases that the Trust uses to process your data, depending on the information we need to collect.

In the majority of cases, the lawful basis will be for your care. Other bases may be a legal requirement, public task, or a mandatory obligation on the Trust for the protection of individuals. We may also use consent.

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How will your information be used and accessed?

Personal information contained in your health records will only be used with a lawful basis.

Only authorised individuals are allowed to access personal information.

The information within your health record is used to provide you with the most suitable care and support that you need. The information in your health record helps professionals make better decisions about your care in conjunction with you and ensure it is safe and effective.

How long do we keep your information?

Records are retained according to NHS guidance and any statutory or legal requirements for prescribed time spans.

Who will see and share your information?

The Trust releases your information to other authorised parties that it has a legal duty to share it with, those who you may have given consent to, those who need to know to continue your care and those who have a lawful basis.

Your information will only be shared with authorised parties who are providing you with direct care, or third parties authorised by the Trust (who do not have a lawful basis), only if you have first given your consent.

- Where disclosure is necessary to safeguard you, or others, or is in the public interest
- Where there is a legal duty to do so, for example a court order or prevention of crime.

Your data might be shared in exceptional circumstances with countries other than the UK, where it is required for continuation of care.

Your rights as a 'Data Subject'

Under the General Data Protection Regulation, you have certain rights:

These rights are:

1. Right to be informed – the Trust will inform you about the information we hold
2. Access to the information the Trust holds about you
3. Access to have the information corrected if it is incorrect (rectification)
4. Right to be forgotten (erasure) – to have all your information removed
5. Right to restrict processing
6. Data portability
7. Right to object to processing or remove consent
8. Rights in relation to automated processing

Some of these rights are dependent on the circumstances around which the information is held.

If at any point you believe the information we hold or process is incorrect, please contact the Data Protection Officer by emailing dataprotection@sch.nhs.uk or writing to Russell Banks, Data Protection Officer, IM&T Department, Sheffield Children's Hospital, Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2TH.

If you wish to raise a concern or a complaint you can do so by contacting the care professional providing your care or treatment, or the organisation's Data Protection Officer or our complaints team.

If you are not satisfied with the response you receive or believe we are processing your personal data not in accordance with the law, you can make a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO): <https://ico.org.uk/>

If you have a question regarding you or your child's data, please contact:

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