

Sussex Integrated Dataset (SID) Privacy Notice

The Sussex Integrated Dataset (SID) has been established to improve the quality of health, wellbeing and care across [Sussex Health and Care Partnership](#) (SHCP) as part of the Our Care Connected Programme.

Data within the SID will be used for research, service planning and improvement (Secondary uses / Indirect Care).

As defined by NHS England and the [NHS Long Term Plan](#), health and care organisations need to work together as a whole system to ensure that the health and social care needs of the people living in Sussex can be managed in a more coordinated way.

To support better understanding of the connections and interdependencies between health and social care services and the patient flows between them, there is an increasing need to share and link data between partner organisations within Sussex to ensure that system-wide modelling, analysis and monitoring can be effectively carried out, with the aim of improving patient outcomes and enabling closer collaboration, risk sharing and joint commissioning. SID aims to collate data from all health and care providers across Sussex to allow us to understand people's journeys through the systems and their health outcomes.

Linking health and care data held across the system for people in Sussex with data on the wider determinants of health (including social characteristics and geographic patterns) to form broader population intelligence will support:

- a greatly increased understanding of the existing use of health and social care services in Sussex, including the connections between different services;
- A richer, system-wide view of the population's need for future health and social care services, looking across traditional organisational boundaries. This will provide new intelligence for a Sussex population health strategy;
- the ability to understand variation through proactive benchmarking and comparison to improve clinical outcomes;
- the ability to identify service improvements opportunities and financial efficiencies, for instance where patients use multiple services or where there is significant overlap between services;
- public health intelligence work fulfilling statutory role of improving the health and wellbeing of people in Sussex, including Joint Strategic Needs Assessments, Health Needs Assessments, Health Equity Audits and Health Impact Assessments.

The types of personal information shared through the Sussex integrated Dataset

Before data is sent to the SID, provider information is processed through a technical tool to de-identify data and render it anonymous.

SID will utilise anonymous person-level data generated from health and care treatment episodes and interventions. Details will include: the nature and number of consultations, medical screenings and prescriptions; hospital admissions (including A&E), duration of stay and aftercare; psychiatric and social care treatment episodes and community and social based interventions/prescribing.

The information gathered will create a rich whole-population, anonymised person-level data platform for planning purposes aimed to improve intelligence, service improvements and patient outcomes.

What is the lawful basis for the sharing of information?

General Data Protection Regulation 2016:

Article 6 - Lawfulness of processing:

Article 6(1) (e) Performance of a public task

What statutory power or duty does the Controller derive their official authority from?

Health and Social Care Act 2012

Article 9 - Processing of special categories of personal data

Article 9(2) (h) Processing is necessary for the purposes of preventive or occupational medicine, for the assessment of the working capacity of the employee, medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services on the basis of Union or Member State law or pursuant to contract with a health professional.

Organisations that can access your personal information through the Sussex Integrated Dataset:

No personally identifiable information is available within the SID.

Any requests for access to this anonymous data will go through a Data Access Request process.

How long will the data be held in the Sussex Integrated Dataset?

SID is a longitudinal database to be used for research and service planning and improvement, data will be held indefinitely to ensure trends can be identified over time.

How is data kept safe and secure in the Sussex Integrated Dataset?

Only anonymous data is held within the SID.

There are also appropriate technical and security measures in place to protect the Sussex Integrated Dataset which include:

- Compliance to Data Protection Legislation
- Compliance to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) [Anonymisation: Managing Data Protection Risk Code of Practice](#)
- Information is held in a secure cloud service location under contract.
- Access to information is restricted to authorised personnel only.
- Implementing and maintaining business continuity, disaster recovery and other relevant policies and procedures
- Organisations involved in providing information into the SID are required to complete the Data Security and Protection (DSP) Toolkit or equivalent, introduced in the National Data Guardian review of data security, consent and objections, and adhere to robust information governance management and accountability arrangements
- Ensuring that all employees and contractors who are involved in the processing of Data are suitably trained in maintaining the privacy and security of the Data and are under contractual or statutory obligations of confidentiality concerning the Data.

How can I access the information you keep about me?

The SID does not hold any identifiable information data about you. To access your information, you will need to contact the organisations holding the data you wish to see, typically your GP Practice, Hospital, Local Authority (Social Care) or NHS Service.

How can I object to my data being shared via the Sussex Integrated Dataset?

No personally identifiable information is available within the SID. The National Data Opt-Out (NDOO) is not applicable to the Sussex Integrated Dataset.

“The opt-out does not apply when the individual has consented to the sharing of their data or where the data is anonymised in line with the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) Code of Practice on Anonymisation.” (National Data Opt-out Operational Policy Guidance Document Version 4, 2020)

Information on the National Data Opt-Out can be found here:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out>

Further information

For information about how your personal information is used, please contact your health or social care organisation and their Data Protection Officer.

For further information about data held within the SID, please contact Sussex Health and Care Partnership Information Governance Lead SC-TR.Infoqov@nhs.net

[NHS Constitution](#) - The NHS Constitution establishes the principles and values of the NHS in England. It sets out the rights patients, the public and staff are entitled to. These rights cover how patients access health services, the quality of care you’ll receive, the treatments and programmes available to you, confidentiality, information and your right to complain if things go wrong.