

Patient Information: Protecting your data in Research

As an NHS organisation, SCAS conducts research to improve the care and services that we provide to patients. Health and care research should serve the public interest, which means that we have to demonstrate that our research serves the interests of society as a whole. We do this by following the [UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research](#).

When people agree to take part in research, we are required to ensure that the use of their personally identifiable information is in the public interest. We must ensure that we use the minimum personally identifiable data possible in order that the research may be properly conducted and analysed. Since your data must be managed in specific ways within the research process, your rights to access, change or move your information are limited. If you decide to withdraw from the study at any time, we will only keep the information that we have already obtained.

Should you wish to raise a complaint please first contact our Patient Experience team:

Telephone: 0300 123 9280 or email PatientExperience@scas.nhs.uk

If you have any concerns about how your information has been processed and want to lodge a complaint with the Supervisory Authority in the UK, you can contact: Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Wilmslow SK9 5AF Email: www.ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/email.

When you agree to take part in a research study, the information about your health and care may be provided to researchers running other research studies in SCAS and in other organisations. These organisations may be universities, NHS organisations or companies involved in health and care research in this country or abroad. Your information will only be used by organisations and researchers to conduct research in accordance with the [UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research](#). Your information could be used for research in any aspect of health or care, and could be combined with information about you from other sources held by researchers, the NHS or government. We do not share information with third parties for marketing purposes.

Where this information could identify you, it will be held securely with strict arrangements about who can access the information. It will only be used for the purpose of health and care research that has been independently reviewed by an ethics committee, or to contact you about future opportunities to participate in such research. It will not be used to make decisions about future services available to you.

Further information about how the Trust protects your personal information can be found [here](#).

You can find out more about research and about general use of patient information on the [Health Research Authority \(HRA\) website](#).

You can find details about the research projects the Trust is involved in [here](#). This includes a contact for the project in case you wish to access further privacy information provided by the organisers of the research project.