

Health care data from NHS Digital

The University of Manchester is committed to using health care data in a safe and responsible manner. The university uses this information to study the NHS, how it functions and how it might be improved. This information is about the public and how they use NHS services, you therefore have a right to know what information we have and how we intend to use it. Below you will find information to help you understand the data we hold

- The data controller is the University of Manchester. For more information please contact Emma McManus (emma.mcmanus@manchester.ac.uk) who is the researcher responsible for these data or Alex Daybank (dataprotection@manchester.ac.uk) who is the Data Protection Officer.

The data

We hold data from the National Diabetes Audit (NDA).

NDA is a record of all people identified as having, or being at risk of developing; Type 2 Diabetes based on primary care (General Practice) records. We know the age, gender, ethnicity, area of residence deprivation and learning disability status of these patients and blood sugar level. We do not know who the patient is, their name or address, or any other information which could be used to accurately identify them.

These data are not categorised as personal data as individuals cannot be identified.

The purpose

The data we hold is used for a project evaluating the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme. The data will be used in several components of the project:

- Firstly, it will compare the types of people identified as being at risk of Type 2 Diabetes to other datasets including survey data to compare those identified in General Practice to those in the population and to patients in the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme. These will enable an understanding of whether and where the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme may seek to adapt its strategy to recruit patients onto the programme.
- It will also be used to look at how effective the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme is, in comparison to usual care, at preventing individuals developing Type 2 Diabetes, using data from the NDA on the number of people identified as being at risk of Type 2 diabetes, as well as the number who go on to develop Type 2 Diabetes.
- Lastly, data from the NDA will be used to inform parameters in a decision model, which will work out the expected 'value for money' of the Diabetes Prevention Programme over a long time horizon.

Legal Basis for processing

Personal data can be lawfully processed for this purpose because it is a task carried out in the public interest (General Data Protection Regulation Article 6 (1) (e)). The task concerns the enactment of the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme and the performance concerns the use of this programme in the population and sub-groups of the population of England.

Processing of the data is necessary for scientific research purposes, and will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme (General Data Protection Regulation Article 9 (2) (j)). The DIPLOMA (Diabetes Prevention - Long term Multimethod Assessment) project has been funded by the National Institute for Health Research to evaluate the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme.

Sharing

These data will be stored in a safe and secure way and only accessed by members of the research team. The data will only be used to study the NHS and not used commercially. The data will not be shared.

Retention

At the completion of the research, the data will be archived and retained in line with the funding body policies. The retention period is until: 31/03/2022

Opt-Out

We are unable to identify patients in the data that we are processing. This means that individuals cannot opt-out. The focus of our research is to look at the trends involving many people, rather than looking at any one individual.

More information

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