

Claypath and University Medical Group

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How your information is used for medical research and to measure the quality of care EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

1. Primary Care Medical Research

The Claypath and University Medical Group is proud to be involved in Primary Care Research.

The practice is actively engaged with the NHS National Institute for Health Research and Local Research Centre, and can signpost suitable and willing patients to relevant research studies that might be of relevance to them.

Please note that any involvement with research is entirely voluntary. If you do not wish to be contacted about relevant studies please let Gillian Bevan, General Manager, know so that the practice is aware. Any decision not to get involved in primary care research will, of course, have no bearing on your usual care.

2. Checking the quality of care – national clinical audits

The practice also contributes to national clinical audits.

The practice will only share data from patient medical records for national clinical audits or checking purposes when the law allows. This data will be limited to patients' NHS Numbers, dates of birth, and coded information about their health e.g. code for diabetes, or code for high blood pressure. It is sent to NHS Digital, a national body with legal responsibilities to collect data.

For more information about national clinical audits see the Healthcare Quality Improvements Partnership website: <https://www.hqip.org.uk/> or phone 020 7997 7370.

We are required by law to provide you with the following information about how we share your information for medical research purposes.

Data Controller contact details	Claypath and University Medical Group Claypath Medical Centre 26 Gilesgate Durham DH1 1QW
Data Protection contact details	Andrew Dowson Business Intelligence Manager & Data Protection Officer Durham Dales Health Federation Innovation House 27 Longfield Road South Church Bishop Auckland DL14 6XB E-mail: andrewdowson@nhs.net
Purpose of the processing	Medical research and to check the quality of care which is given to patients (this is called national clinical audit).
Lawful basis for processing	The following sections of the GDPR mean that we can use medical records for research and to check the quality of care (national clinical audits):- Article 6(1)(e) – ‘processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller’. <u>For medical research:</u> Article 9(2)(a) – ‘the data subject has given explicit consent...’ <u>To check the quality of care (clinical audit):</u> Article 9(2)(h) – ‘processing is necessary for the purpose of preventative...medicine...the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services...’
Recipient or categories of recipients of the processed data	For medical research the data will be shared with the NHS National Institute for Health Research and Local Research Centre. For national clinical audits which check the quality of care the data will be shared with NHS Digital.
Rights to object and the national data opt-out	You have a right to object under the GDPR and the right to ‘opt-out’ under the national data opt-out model. The national data opt-out model provides an easy way for you to opt-out of information that identifies you being used or shared for medical research purposes and quality checking or audit purposes. Please contact the practice if you wish to opt-out.
Right to access and correct	You have the right to access your medical record and have any errors or mistakes corrected. Please speak to a member of staff or look at our ‘subject access request’ policy on the practice website – www.claypathdoctors.co.uk or www.durhamstudenthealth.co.uk

	We are not aware of any circumstances in which you will have the right to delete correct information from your medical record; although you are free to obtain your own legal advice if you believe there is no lawful purpose for which we hold the information and contact us if you hold a different view.
Retention period	GP medical records will be kept in line with the law and national guidance. Information on how long records are kept can be found at: https://digital.nhs.uk/article/1202/Records-Management-Code-of-Practice-for-Health-and-Social-Care-2016 or speak to the practice.
Right to complain	You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office. If you wish to complain follow this link https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/ or call the helpline on Telephone: 0303 123 1113

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