

## Controller's contact details

Barking, Havering & Redbridge University Hospital Trust

## Data Protection Officer's contact details

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## Purpose and legal basis for processing

We collect information about you (your personal data) for the Maternity Services Data Set (MSDS), to help achieve better outcomes of care for mothers, babies and children. The data set collects information about the mother's demographics (e.g. postcode, date of birth, ethnic category), booking, diagnosis and admission details, as well as details about screenings and tests and labour/delivery. The data set also collects details about the baby's demographics (e.g. date and time of birth, sex) and relevant tests prior to discharge from maternity services.

## What we do with it

The data is securely sent to NHS Digital which is the central organisation that receives the same data from all NHS-funded maternity services across England. NHS Digital removes all identifying details and combines the data we send with the data sent by other care providers, forming the MSDS.

The data set is used to produce anonymised reports that only show summary numbers of, for instance, patients referred to different maternity services. It is impossible to identify any individual patient in the reports, but the reports do help us to improve the care we provide to you and other patients.

## No information that could reveal your identity is used in national reports.

The benefits of the MSDS to you as a patient include:

- making sure maternity services are available to all patients and measuring the respective care delivered
- better care, through monitoring progress to allow future services to enable maternity care provided is mother and child-centric
- informing patients about the care offered at different hospitals
- more personalised and better organised care for patients through understanding what care is needed nationally, for example understanding how the antenatal care provided can affect outcomes for both mother and baby

The data held in the MSDS may also be linked to data held by NHS Digital from various other data sets and collections, including (but not limited to) the [Community Services Data Set \(CSDS\)](#) and [Mental Health Services Data Set \(MHSDS\)](#). The MSDS data may also be linked to external data sources such as Office for National Statistics (ONS) data and data from [the National Neonatal Data Set](#). More information about the data sets and collections that NHS Digital hold and that may be used for linkage can be found on [the NHS Digital website](#). Linkage is carried out in order to investigate the relationship between care in maternity services and



subsequent activity, such as health visiting and school nursing activity, as well as referrals to neonatal units, mental health services and other services.  
For more information about how NHS Digital uses your personal data including their lawful basis for processing, how long they hold it for and your rights, please see their website:  
<https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/our-work/keeping-patient-data-safe/gdpr/gdpr-register>

To manage your choice about how your confidential patient information is used beyond your own individual care, please visit the following website <https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/>

Alternatively, you can call 0300 303 5678.

More information about the Maternity Services Dataset (MSDS) can be found at the following website: <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-sets/maternity-services-data-set>

### **How long we keep it**

We keep your data for 25 years in line with national recommendations.

### **What are your rights?**

You have a right to object to the processing (use) of your personal data in some circumstances by letting us know. There are legitimate reasons why we may refuse your objection, which depend on why we are processing it. This will not affect your treatment in any way.

You can also make a subject access request for information that we hold about you. This can be made by writing to:

**Subject Access Team Health Records Department 1st Floor Blue Zone, Queen's Hospital Romford Essex RM7 0AG. Tel: 01708 435 000**

You also have the right to have inaccurate personal data rectified and to request the restriction or suppression of your personal data in specific circumstances, for example if you feel that the data held is inaccurate. Please contact us on [bhrut.informationgovernance@nhs.net](mailto:bhrut.informationgovernance@nhs.net)

### **Your right to complain**

If you wish to raise a complaint concerning our handling of your personal data, please visit our Feedback and Complaints pages <https://www.bhrhospitals.nhs.uk/complaints> .  
You also have a right to raise a concern with the [Information Commissioner's Office](https://www.ico.org.uk/) at any time. Their contact details are: ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.