

## **Health of Adults Longitudinal Observational Study Participant Privacy Notice**

For information about the University's obligations with respect to your data, who you can get in touch with and your rights as a data subject, please visit:

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/utilities/privacy/privacy.aspx>

### **Why we collect your personal data**

We collect personal data under the terms of the University's Royal Charter in our capacity as a teaching and research body to advance education and learning. Specific purposes for data collection on this occasion are to improve our understanding of how certain habits (for example diet and physical activity) are related to health and disease.

### **Legal basis for processing your personal data under GDPR**

The legal basis for processing your personal data on this occasion is Article 6(1e) processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest.

### **Special category personal data**

In addition to the legal basis for processing your personal data, the University must meet a further basis when processing any special category data, including: personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the processing of genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation.

The basis for processing your sensitive personal data on this occasion is Article 9(2j) processing is necessary for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes.

### **How long we keep your data**

The University may store your data for up to 25 years and for a period of no less than 7 years after the research project finishes. The researchers who gathered or processed the data may also store the data indefinitely and reuse it in future research. Measures to safeguard your stored data include:

A key file, containing contact information of participants such as email addresses and NHS numbers, alongside unique identification numbers has been created and stored separately from the research database. This will allow for future contact with participants throughout the duration of the study. The research database contains personal information such as age, sex, ethnicity and the unique ID number but cannot be linked to participants in the absence of the key file. This is called Pseudo-anonymization.

Access to both the key file and research database is restricted to the principal investigator and/or her designees. Sharing of the key file electronically or otherwise is strictly prohibited without permission from participants. Due to the nature of the study, the key file is stored electronically on the secure University server.

All other data are stored on a secure dedicated server. Access to these files is further restricted by employing user identifiers and passwords (encrypted using a one-way encryption method).

### **Who we share your data with**

Extracts of your data may be disclosed in published works that are posted online for use by the scientific community. Your data may also be stored indefinitely on external data repositories (e.g., the UK Data Archive) and be further processed for archiving purposes in the public interest, or for historical, scientific or statistical purposes. It may also move with the researcher who collected your data to another institution in the future. However data stored in these repositories will be fully anonymised.

### **Transfers of your data outside Europe**

Your data may be transferred for processing to our Australian collaborators at the University of Sydney, University of Tasmania and Macquarie University. Although not currently on the EU approved list of adequate countries, personal data protection in Australia is governed by the updated Australian data privacy regulations under the Privacy Amendment (Notifiable Data Breaches) Act 2017. This can be accessed at <https://www.oaic.gov.au/agencies-and-organisations/legally-binding-guidelines-and-rules/>.