

Privacy Notice

Research using Dental Treatment Data from NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA)

Manchester University Dental Public Health and Primary Care Research Group is committed to using health care data in a safe and responsible manner. The Group uses this information to study dental public health and how it might be improved. This information is about the public and how their use of NHS dental 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 Deborah Moore (Deborah.moore-2@manchester.ac.uk) who is the researcher responsible for these data.

About the NHS BSA data

We hold anonymised dental treatments billing data obtained from the NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA).

NHS BSA are required by law to process personal data to ensure that dentists in England are paid correctly for the work that they carry out and that the appropriate patient charges are collected. They are also required to investigate fraud and to help to develop improvements to health care and dental services.

Further information on the dental data that NHS BSA hold and how they process it is available at: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/our-policies/privacy/nhs-dental-services-privacy-notice>

NHS BSA data held by the University of Manchester

We do not know who the patient is, their name or address, or any other information which could be used to accurately identify them.

We do know the patients' age, gender and ethnicity, which area they live in, and what dental treatments they received between 2010 and 2020. We also know if they are exempt from NHS dental charges, including the reason for exemption, and some details about the dentist that treated them, such as their age, gender, and place of graduation.

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

The purpose

The data we hold is used for an NIHR funded project called The LOTUS 'Fluoridation for Adults' Study. This study is investigating if water fluoridation reduces the amount of dental treatment that is received by adult and adolescent patients over ten years, from 2010 to 2020. Further information about the study can be found at: <https://fundingawards.nihr.ac.uk/award/NIHR128533> and <http://www.isrctn.com/ISRCTN96479279>

Legal Basis for processing

Under the General Data protection Regulations 2016/679 and the UK Data Protection Act 2018, the legal basis for the University of Manchester to process this data is "Public Interest".

This research is the public interest as it will help to inform decisions on how best to improve the dental health of the public.

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 are not shared.

Retention

At the completion of the research the data will be archived and retained in line with the requirements of the University of Manchester's [Research Data Management Standard Operating Procedure](#). The retention period is until: 15th of April 2041 (20 years from the date of receipt of data).

Opt-Out

If you would like to opt-out and not have your data used for this type of research please contact NHS Digital: enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk

More information on opting-out can be found on the NHS Digital website: <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out-programme>

More information

If you would like more information on the University of Manchester and their privacy notices please see: <https://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/privacy-information/data-protection/privacy-notices/>

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