

National Confidential Inquiry into Suicide and Safety in Mental Health





The national data opt-out allows patients to stop their confidential patient information being used for any reason other than direct care. There are some exceptions to this rule. If the information is vital to improving patient care and public health then the Confidentiality Advisory Group of the Health Research Authority can recommend an exemption in the public interest

Improving care and safety in mental health

NCISH has the overall aim of improving safety for all patients receiving specialist mental health care. Our learning feeds into improvements in the quality and safety of care. It is important that we collect information on all people under mental health care who tragically die by suicide so that we can learn lessons about looking after the people who need it most



Exemption recommended



The Confidentiality Advisory Group agree that our work is of benefit to patients and the public, and that we need to continue to collect data about every suicide death to improve patient safety. They have recommended that we do not have to exclude people based on the national data opt-out

Data security

We take the security of patient data very seriously, and follow strict security policies to ensure identifiable patient information is only accessible to trained staff. Only those directly involved in analysing your data will have access to it. We never publish data on individuals, only on groups. Individuals will never be identifiable in any papers, reports or recommendations that we publish



Who created this infographic?



This infographic has been co-produced by patients and carers with lived experience of mental illness, self-harm and/or suicidality from the group MS4MH-R, with researchers from NCISH and the Manchester Self-Harm Project (www.manchester.ac.uk/ms4mh-r/)

For more information about our project and the national data opt-out scan the QR code

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