

## Privacy notice

Your personal details may be shared with the Scottish Government, National Records of Scotland and NHS Scotland for statistical and research purposes only.

Your personal details are shared with the Scottish Government, National Records of Scotland and NHS Scotland to allow datasets be joined (or linked) together to improve our statistics and research, for example, to monitor the outcome of a particular disease or illness.

- Every effort will be made to ensure that your information is kept safe at all times.
- Only people in the Scottish Government, National Records of Scotland and NHS Scotland who need to see your personal information will be able to access it.
- All pieces of information which could identify you, such as names and full dates of birth, will be removed before the data is used by statisticians/researchers.

Your health information and care package may be shared with the Scottish Government and NHS Scotland for statistical and research purposes only.

- This information will help the Scottish Government and NHS Scotland plan for future health and care services. This will help improve services for you and others.
- Every effort will be made to ensure that your information is kept safe at all times.
- Your health data will be used to produce statistical information. It will not be possible to identify you from this information.
- The data that health organisations and the Scottish Government hold are potentially very useful for research. We are keen to support researchers who want to use our data. However, they must follow current legal, ethical and privacy guidelines before they can do this.

Examples of the kinds of statistical information which the Scottish Government and NHS Scotland produce can be found here:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Health/Publications>

If you would like more information, please get in touch with the following people:

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