

## What is health and care information?

Your health and care information is held by organisations that provide care for you, like your hospital or GP.

Data about you can be used to:

- provide your individual care
- plan health and care services
- carry out research to find new treatments, or develop services

## Local access to data

To carry out useful planning and research it is important to ensure the data on everyone is accurate and complete.

We are working locally to create better access to accurate and complete data.

At the same time, we are making sure that the highest standards of security and confidentiality are maintained.

## How to get involved

We are working with patients, the public, and healthcare professionals who wish to be involved in how data is used in the NHS.

For more information scan the QR code below or visit our website at:

[www.thamesvalleyandsurreyhealthandcaredata.nhs.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyandsurreyhealthandcaredata.nhs.uk)



# Your data, your choice



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## What information is stored and used?

There are several systems for sharing health and care information. Information is used by health and care staff and the organisations they work for. The sort of information that is used includes:

- illnesses you have
- your treatment and care
- medical imaging, such as X-rays
- test results
- medicines you are taking and allergies
- information about hospital appointments and admissions

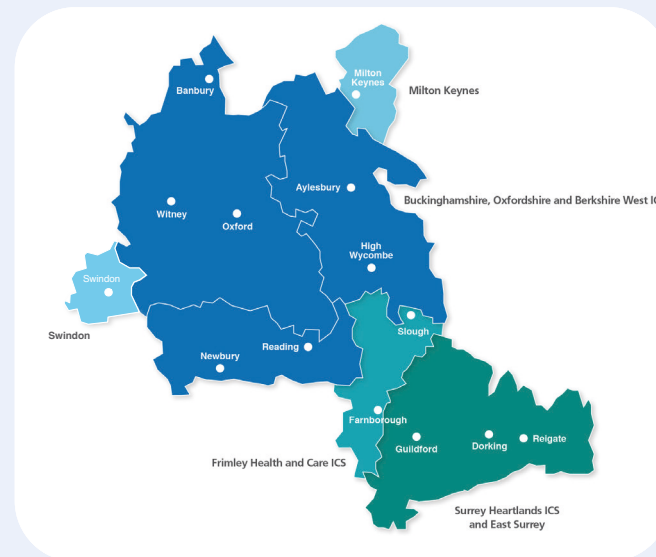
## How is information kept safe?

Your data is protected by the law and regulations: the Data Protection Act 2018, the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the NHS Act 2006, to ensure appropriate use and privacy of your personal details.

## What is a secure data environment?

Part of this new approach is to develop a secure data environment or SDE, which will allow approved research to be carried out without the data leaving the NHS.

In the Thames Valley and Surrey, we are working with patients and the public, alongside health and care staff to develop a local secure data environment for planning and research.



## What are my choices?

You can choose whether your patient information is used in research and planning.

If you would like to know more about your choices, or to opt out of the Thames Valley and Surrey Secure Data Environment, please contact us at:

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We will ask for your name, date of birth, postcode or NHS number so that we can register your choice.

To find out more and register your choice nationally, please visit:

**[www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters](http://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters)**

**Your choice will not affect your care.**