



Birmingham and Solihull
Clinical Commissioning Group

Use of personal information – Risk Stratification

Data Controller	NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG
Purpose	Information from health and social care records, using the NHS number provided via the Secondary Uses Service at NHS Digital , is looked at to identify groups of patients who would benefit from some additional help from their GP or care team. This is known as 'Risk Stratification'. The aim is to prevent ill health and possible future hospital stays, rather than wait for you to become sick.
Type of information used	Type of information used: De-identified information – (NHS number removed) is accessible to the CCG. Only GP Practices within the CCG have access to identifiable information (NHS Number) of their own patients in order to see who may benefit from additional help.
Legal Basis	Article 6(1)(e) – “For the performance of a task carried out in the public interest, or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller” – namely: A section 251 approval (CAG 7-04(a)/2013) from the Secretary of State, through the Confidentiality Advisory Group of the Health Research Authority, enables the pseudonymised information to be sent to the CCG via NHS Digital in order to help us plan the most appropriate health services for our population. Article 9(2)(h) – “processing is necessary for the purposes of...” “...medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems ...”
How we collect (the source) and use the information	Primary Care data extracted from individual GP practices and Secondary Care data (collected nationally via the Secondary Uses Service): Inpatient, Outpatient, Accident and Emergency, Out of Hours, Urgent Care, Community Nursing, Community Mental Health is passed to the Data Services for Commissioners Regional Office (DSCRO) so that the information can be linked.

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	This information is passed to Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit who provides the Risk Stratification tool to GP Practices on behalf of the CCG. De-identified information is made available to the CCG to provide a picture of the health and needs of their local population, which enables priorities and the use of resources to be determined.
Data Processor and Location of Processing	Data services for commissioners Regional Office (DSCRO) hosted by NHS Digital. Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Services Unit. All data is processed within the UK.
How long will the information be kept for?	The data will be retained in accordance with the NHS Records Management Code of Practice. Specifically, for the risk tool, the system will hold 3 years of data updated monthly to be used within the tool. Only live data will be used and the data will be destroyed at the end of the contract or if the patient dies or the practice gives notice that they no longer wish to use the tool.
Who we share the information with (recipients)	This information is not shared outside the CCG, except as appropriate with our local Community Services Providers at practice level to support work with the practices to improve services to patients.