

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

CORECT-R

Privacy Statement

Purpose for processing/holding patient data

The information obtained from routinely collected administrative medical data will be used by the University of Edinburgh to study care pathways and the cost and usage of healthcare services by patients with colorectal cancer in Scotland. We want to better understand the ability of existing administrative datasets held within the public sector to estimate the use and costs of healthcare resources in terms of data quality in relation to colorectal cancer.

The legal basis for holding/processing patient data (under GDPR)

As per guidance by the Health Research Authority (HRA), research processing personal data for a reputable institution such as the University of Edinburgh will be '*a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller*' (Article 6(1)(e)). We will refer to this in the shorthand '*task in the public interest*'. For processing special categories of personal data, such as health information, Article 9(2)(j) applies, which legitimises processing 'necessary for... scientific or historical research purposes ... in accordance with Article 89(1)'. All technical and organisational safeguards have been applied, i.e. the data are kept securely. This research is in the public interest as can be evidenced by funding body approval which involved peer review.

Who receives or has access to patient data within this project

Identifiable patient data will be received and processed by National Services Scotland electronic Data Research and Innovation service (eDRIS). Within this study, access to de-identified, anonymised information is granted to named researchers within a designated National Services Scotland Safe Haven only.

How long the data will be retained

- Data will be retained for the duration of the proposal and archived for 3 years.

Contacts for further information

You can find out more about how we use information within this study and our legal basis for doing so in our Privacy Notice at www.accord.scot.

For further information on the use of personal data by the NHS, please link to the Health Research Authority (HRA) website; <https://www.hra.nhs.uk/information-about-patients/>.

If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handle data, you can contact our Data Protection Officer who will investigate the matter. If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing data in a way that is not lawful you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

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