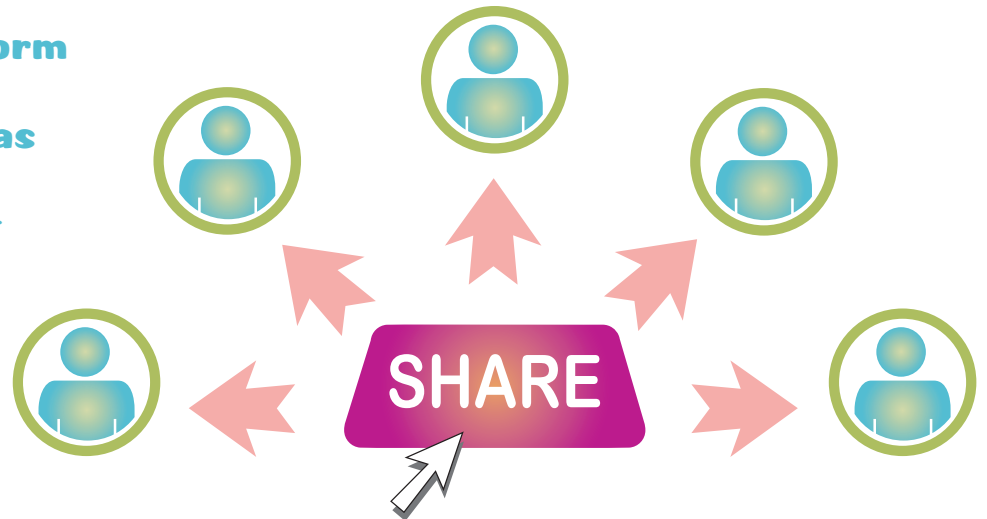


# Sharing Your Data

**This factsheet will inform you about the data you provide us with, who has access to it, why they need that access, what data is collected and how it is used, both locally and nationally.**



## Locally

### Who?

- You provide data to CAMHS and this is input to your individualised Electronic Patient Record, this can be viewed by the staff within the team who work with you.

### Why?

- The data is used to improve services for those who use it and to check how well we are doing in providing care and the recommended treatments.
- It is good for us to know the types of people using our services, so we can make sure they suit each person, for example more girls than boys, or more younger children than teenagers.

### What?

- We collect data from assessments, answers to questionnaires and general information about you (age, gender, ethnicity, area you live in) as well as looking at how many sessions you have with us, what types of interventions are offered and your progress.

### How?

- Different parts of the data are checked within groups dedicated to certain improvements. Your questionnaire data is looked over monthly to look at progress through treatment and how you feel the sessions are going. This is done based on groups of data, not on individual cases.
- Data is also checked weekly regarding people coming into the service and their waiting times to access appointments and any improvements we can make to lower waiting times or allow better access.

# Nationally

## Who?

- Data is shared with a provider called NHS Digital (formerly known as HSCIC), who are the national provider of information and data in health and social care. It publishes information on key statistics and data to check that standards are being met.

## Why?

- NHS Digital compares services nationally to check that consistently excellent levels of care are being given across the country.
- This data can impact government decisions about the amounts of money and resources being given for mental health services in the UK.

## What?

- NHS Digital collects anonymised data (data which cannot be traced back to you as an individual), for example numbers of people in different age groups who are using our services.
- NHS Digital also collect data from your questionnaires, this is not information which could reveal your identity, for example start scores and end scores, to see if there has been an improvement over time.

## How?

- Your data is kept safe and secure
- This data is shared automatically every month through our Performance and Informatics team at HPFT.
- The law now allows us to share data on every person who enters the service to get the biggest amount of data we can.
- If you DO NOT want your data shared, you must let us know. This can be done with a CAMHS receptionist when you arrive, or you can tell your clinician and they will put a note on your file which means we don't have permission to share your information.
- If you choose not to share your data at any time, this will not have any impact on the treatment you receive!
- You can change your mind at any time about the future sharing of your data, but data that has already been shared cannot be taken back.

## Confused?

**Talk to your CAMHS Worker for more information**

**Contact NHS Digital**

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