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National Study of Health and Wellbeing

CONSENT FORM: Linking survey answers to health information

Thank you for taking part in the survey and providing information about your health and wellbeing. For completeness, we would like to ask for your permission to add information from your medical and health records held by NHS Digital/UK Health Security Agency to the answers you have provided in the survey.

We need your written authorisation for any information to be linked. You do not need to give permission if you do not want to. If you give permission, NatCen Social Research will pass your name, address, and date of birth to NHS Digital who will carry out the data linkage. Your identity will only be known to certain members of the NatCen and University of Leicester (UoL) research teams and NHS Digital.

The data which would be added to your survey responses is:

• Information about you held by NHS Digital on your health, hospital in-patient care, hospital out-patient care, hospital emergency care, maternity, mental health, social care, primary care (for example when you visit your GP), diagnostic care (for example any scans or ultrasounds you may have had), cancer diagnosis and treatment, community care and diabetes.

• Details held by NHS Digital about cause and date of death.

Data will be used by the National Study of Health and Wellbeing (NSHW) Research Team consisting of researchers from NatCen Social Research, UoL and NHS Digital under restricted access arrangements (on a strict need to know basis), which make sure that the information is used responsibly and securely.

Access to the data for other qualified researchers can only be granted by NHS Digital's Data Access Request Service (DARS, digital.nhs.uk/services/data-access-request-service-dars). The information will be completely confidential and will be used for research purposes only by academic or policy researchers under restricted access arrangements (on a strict need to know basis) which make sure the information is used responsibly and securely.

As we would like to look at long term trends in people's health and wellbeing, we have not set a limit on how long we would like to keep your information. The survey has been running since 1993 and is very valuable for looking at how people's health and wellbeing changes over time.

If you require further information, have any queries, or anything is unclear, please ask you interviewer or call **0800 652 4572**.

You can cancel your consent at any time in the future by writing to NatCen Social Research, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM14 4LX. You don't need to give a reason to cancel.
For further information please visit: **digital.nhs.uk/health-and-wellbeing-study**

Giving Consent

I DECLARE – I have read or heard this information and have had the opportunity to ask questions and receive satisfactory answers.

I UNDERSTAND – All the information will be treated in strict confidence and used solely for statistical and research purposes. Access to the data for other qualified researchers can only be granted by the NHS Digital Data Access Request Service (DARS).

I AUTHORISE – NatCen Social Research passing my name, address and date of birth to NHS Digital in order to provide information held on the databases that I have consented to below.

I CONSENT – to my survey answers being linked to:

Please tick

Health information data ☐

(Health data, hospital in-patient care, hospital out-patient care, hospital emergency care, maternity, mental health, social care, primary care, diagnostic care, cancer diagnosis and treatment community care and diabetes)

Cause and date of death data ☐

Please sign below to indicate that you give permission
The consent will remain valid until revoked by me in writing

_____
Participant signature

_____
Participant name

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Date

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Interviewer signature

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Interviewer name

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Date