

CUREd+ Linkage of national health and care data

The University of Sheffield's new database will bring together information from different health services in the Urgent and Emergency Health Care system in England. This database will help researchers understand how to improve care and services for patients

The Problem

At the moment we cannot link patient information within the NHS that would help us to understand how patients receive healthcare and what their treatments are. If we could link this information together it would help us to do research that leads to improvements in healthcare and better outcomes for patients and the population.

The Study

The CUREd+ Research Database links electronic records that are already collected by the NHS and the Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust so we can examine patient journeys through different health services between April 2011 to March 2023.

The database will include:
for all people in England

- Accident and Emergency
- Hospital admissions
- Mental health services

and additionally for the Yorkshire and Humber Region:

- Ambulance
- NHS 111

This means your data could be included.

For more detail on the data CUREd+ will hold, please see our privacy notice [\[link\]](#).

The Database

Bringing this information together will help us build a more complete picture of how these services run, work together, and are used by patients.



Can researchers find my records in CUREd+ Research Database?

No - no identifiable information will be held in the final Research Database, meaning it will not be possible to identify you from the data. For example it does not include names, addresses, dates of birth, or NHS numbers.

Who can access the CUREd+ Research Database?

Only appropriately trained personnel will have access to the data. We are also only allowed to use the CUREd+ to answer questions that will benefit the public which were agreed at the beginning of the project.

How is the CUREd+ Research Database being kept safe?

Keeping your data safe is a priority for us. One way we do this is by keeping the database on a secure computer where data cannot be removed or copied. This means researchers do not have data on their own computers.

Opting Out

For further information on the CUREd+ research database including how and why the University process your personal information, how we keep your information secure and how you can opt-out of the CUREd+ research database, before 1st September 2022, and make sure your information is not included, please contact the study team on the details below. If you have already set a national data opt-out with the NHS in England, your data will not be included in the database.

Information can also be found on the study website [\[link\]](#).

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Regardless of any decision that you make, your preferences will not be shared with anyone providing your care and it will not affect your treatment in any way.