South Warwickshire
NHS Foundation Trust

Your Information
What you need to know about Research and Personal Data.

The Trust participates in clinical research using data collected through various means relating to direct clinical care.

This research may be internal, linked to universities, other academic or professional institutions or involve commercial partners, under GDPR for processing of personal data.

For health and care research to be legal, both criteria below must be satisfied:

- A legal basis under GDPR must be identified
- Other relevant legal frameworks need to be met which may include consent to participate in research. A wide reaching example is meeting the common law duty of confidentiality through consent.

If patient identifiable data is used for research purposes then explicit patient consent will be used as the legal basis for processing.

In some cases there may be another legal basis used, but this will be notified to individual patients whose data was used for the research.

Where patient data is anonymised (i.e. the clinical information cannot be linked back to an individual patient) there is no legal requirement for consent to be gained by the Trust from the patient.

Any data shared with commercial partners will always be anonymised and would not be subject to consent.

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