

# National Diabetes Audit

*Information for people with diabetes*



## What is this leaflet about?

Your diabetes service is taking part in an important project to check that people with diabetes are being provided with good care. The project is called the National Diabetes Audit (NDA).

The NDA collects information about patient care from GP practices and hospitals. The information collected is used to provide your diabetes service with reports about the standard of care they are providing to their patients.

The NDA is managed by the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC), working in collaboration with Diabetes UK.

The leaflet explains how the information for the NDA is collected and how this affects you.

## What information about you is collected?

As you probably know, all people with diabetes should have annual diabetes healthcare checks with their GP practice or diabetes clinic. The NDA collects information on:

- how many people with diabetes are registered with the GP practice or diabetes clinic
- whether people with diabetes are receiving the annual healthcare checks
- whether each person who has had these checks has achieved the targets for glucose control, blood pressure and cholesterol
- the numbers of people with diabetes who develop complications, such as heart disease, stroke and kidney disease and whether people with diabetes have an increased risk of premature death

- how many people use an insulin pump, the reason why they use a pump and how long they have been using a pump.

We only use information that is already recorded by your GP practice or clinic and that is relevant to your diabetes care. For example, your diabetes type, latest blood pressure measurement and results of HbA1c. The NDA is not a research project and no extra tests or appointments are necessary.

The type of information used in the audit is listed at [www.hscic.gov.uk/nda](http://www.hscic.gov.uk/nda)

### How is the information used?

The information we collect about you is studied along with the information from all the other diabetes services in England and Wales. The information we collect about you will be:

- Sent to the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) using a secure website. This information will include your NHS number and date of birth.

- The HSCIC will use your NHS number and date of birth to link information that is collected from your GP practice or diabetes clinic to other information recorded by the NHS relating to your diabetes. For example, we will collect information on your HbA1c, blood pressure and reasons for any admission to hospital.
- Once your information has been linked, your NHS number and date of birth will be removed, so all your information will then be anonymous.

The information that is collected by the NDA project will be included in a report, which will be published on the NDA project website. Information that we publish or share will never identify a particular person.

We may share the audit data for research purposes, if this is allowed by law and meets the strict rules that are in place to protect your privacy.



*Your participation in the NDA will help ensure the audit results are as accurate and informative as possible.*



### How will your information be kept safe?

There are very strict rules about what happens to your information. The HSCIC has special legal permission to handle individual patient data for clinical audits. They are required to keep to very strict security and confidentiality standards and follow the laws on the protection of personal data.

Information about patients is available to a very small number of staff at the HSCIC, who can only access the information using a secure, password protected system.

### Saying 'no thanks'

Your participation in the NDA will help ensure the audit results are as accurate and informative as possible.

**However, if you do not want your information to be used, please inform your**

**GP or a member of your diabetes clinic and they will make a note on your medical records so your information is not included. This will not affect your care in any way.**

### Further information

If you would like more information about the National Diabetes Audit (NDA), please ask your diabetes team. You can also:

Email [enquiries@hscic.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@hscic.gov.uk)

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