

About Open Data

What will happen to my data?

Your involvement in the study will remain confidential. This information will only be available to research staff and national bodies which monitor whether research studies are conducted properly. Your study data will be anonymised. This means that it will be given an identification number and any identifying information about you will be removed. Therefore, it will not be possible to identify you by name from any aspect of documentation or reporting for this research study. At the end of the study your data will be made “Open Access”. This means that it will be stored in an online database so that it is publically available.

What is open access?

Open access means that data are made available, free of charge, to anyone interested in the research, or who wishes to conduct their own analysis of the data. We will therefore have no control over how these data are used. However, all data will be anonymised before it is made available and therefore there will be no way to identify you from the research data.

Why open access?

Open access of research data and findings is considered best scientific practice and is a requirement of many funding bodies and scientific journals. As a large proportion of research is publically funded, the outcomes of the research should be made publically available. Sharing data helps to maximise the impact of investment through wider use, and encourages new avenues of research.