

Perinatal Mental Health Network Scotland Data – Patient Privacy Notice

What is PMHNS?

The Perinatal Mental Health Network Scotland (PMHNS) is a Managed Clinical Network that facilitates health professionals and families, who have been affected by or experienced Perinatal Mental Health issues, to work collaboratively and identify gaps in the current service in order to recommend solutions. The network will aim to improve Mental Health outcomes through effective service delivery and enhanced professional expertise.

What is the purpose of the clinical audit system (CAS)?

CAS is a computerised database used by managed clinical networks. PMHN's CAS database is for women living in Scotland who have a specialist perinatal mental health condition.

Information about you will be entered onto the system, with the aim of improving treatment and services. The database will also hold information that will help professionals to better support you. Any information that we use for planning services will not identify individual patients.

We will only share information that can identify you with other professionals you see or who you are being referred to.

What sort of information do you collect?

We will collect the following information: diagnosis, condition, clinical visits, interventions, your date of birth and CHI (Community Health Index) number.

Why have I been chosen to take part in the scheme?

You have been chosen because you meet the PMHNS criteria and attend clinics and hospital visits that are run by professionals working as part of PMHN.

Who manages the database?

The overall managers of the database are the National Services Directorate (part of NHS National Services Scotland). NHS National Services Scotland are the data processors and the 14 NHS health boards are data controllers. Professionals from the health board in your area will enter the information onto the database.

Confidentiality

We will keep the fact that you are taking part in the scheme confidential and will handle the information in exactly the same way hospitals handle all other patient information. We will use an internal NHS computer network that will have no access to other

networks outside the NHS in Scotland. The system will be password-protected and only those who are authorised will have access to it.

Your information will be held in line with the NHS Code of Practice (Scotland) 2012.

Who has reviewed CAS?

The Network Steering Group and the Scottish Government Health Directorate have reviewed CAS and it has been approved by the Caldicott Guardians (people appointed by the Scottish Government Health Directorate to make sure information about patients is kept secure).

Processing your Information

The network processes your information under a legal basis defined in the data protection legislation.

The Right to Object

When the network is processing your personal information for the purpose of the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority you have the right to object to the processing and seek that further processing of your personal information is restricted. Provided the network can demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds for processing your personal information, for instance; patient safety or for evidence to support legal claims, your right will not be upheld.

You have the right to know what information we hold about you. To access this information, you will need to send a subject access request to your health board. You also have the right to restrict how we handle your information, or alter or delete it, if you think it is not accurate.

For more information, contact:

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If you have any concerns about data protection within National Services Scotland, please contact our Data Protection Officer at: nss.dataprotection@nhs.scot or you can ask at your health board how to contact your Board Data Protection Officer.

If you feel we have not kept to data-protection laws when handling your information, you can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO): www.ico.org.uk