

# Ensuring research is undertaken in a trustworthy way

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# There is a legal basis for using depersonalised data for research

Organisations must have a valid, legal reason to process personal data for research purposes. This is called a 'legal basis'.

GDPR (European Data Protection Act that has been adopted by Parliament) provides a legal basis for using data for medical Research

Any use or disclosure of confidential patient information for research and planning must be for the purpose of improving or benefitting health and care.

Confidential patient information is when two types of information from your health records are joined together:

- Something that can identify you
- Something about your health care or treatment

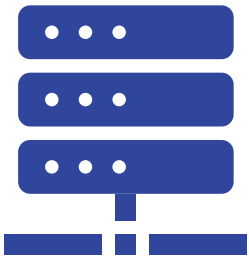
Information must never be disclosed for marketing or insurance purposes without explicit consent.



# But is legal basis enough to make it trustworthy?

Should additional safeguards be put in place to create a trusted research environment?

## SAFE DATA



Is the risk of identification in the data, minimised?

## SAFE PROJECTS



Is the use of the depersonalised data appropriate?

## SAFE PEOPLE



Can the researchers be trusted to use the depersonalised data in an appropriate way?

## SAFE SETTINGS



Does the authorised facility limit unauthorised use?

## SAFE OUTPUTS



Are the results from analysis of the data anonymous when published?