

## **NATIONAL DIABETES AUDIT – A SUMMARY FOR PATIENTS**

**We want to help people with diabetes get the best care.**

To do this, your GP shares a *small amount* of your information so the NHS can learn how to make diabetes care better.

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### **What information is shared?**

Your GP shares only a few details:

- Your NHS number
- Your postcode
- Your sex at birth
- Your date of birth
- Your GP practice code

Your name is NOT shared.

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### **Why is your information shared?**

Sharing this helps the NHS to:

- See how people with diabetes are being cared for
- Learn what is working well
- Find ways to make care better for everyone

The reports they make do NOT show who you are.

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### **Is your information safe?**

Yes. Your information is kept:

- Safe on secure computers
  - Only seen by trained staff
  - Sent safely between NHS teams
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## **Who uses the information?**

- Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) collects the data
- NHS England studies the data and makes reports

From 2026, DHCW will also get some information back to help improve care in Wales.

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## **Your rights**

You can:

- Ask to see the information about you
  - Ask for mistakes to be fixed
  - Ask your GP questions about how your information is used
  - Ask your GP not to share your data for the purposes of the National Diabetes Audit\*
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## **Key message**

Your GP shares small, safe pieces of information to help the NHS make diabetes care better for you and everyone else. Your name is never shared.

\*Information is only shared to deliver public benefits by improving services and making sure resources are targeted at the right places and at the right times. If lots of people decide not to allow their information to be shared it has an impact on the quality of analysis that can be carried out. We hope you are happy for your information to be shared but we respect your right to choose. Please speak to your GP Practice if you have concerns about how and why information is shared.