

# **Privacy Notice and Sponsor Compliance with GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018**



Ulster University is the sponsor or managing organisation for this study and we will use information gathered from you and/or your records in order to carry it out.

We will act as the data controller, which means that we are responsible for looking after your Information and using it properly, as stipulated in GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Ulster University will keep identifiable information about you for 10 years after the study has finished.

You can find out more about how we look after your information at:

<https://www.ulster.ac.uk/about/governance/compliance/gdpr>

As a university we use personal identifying information to conduct research to review and improve people's health, wellbeing and care, the services they use and our understanding of the world in which we live. As a publicly-funded organisation, we have to ensure that it is in the public interest when we use personal identifying information from people who have agreed to take part in research. This means that when you agree to take part in a study, we will use your data to conduct the research and analyse the information and findings.

We need to manage your information in specific ways in order for the research to be reliable and accurate. Therefore, your rights to access, change or move your information are limited. You should note that if you withdraw from the study, we will keep the information about you that we have already obtained. To safeguard your rights, we will use the minimum personal identifying information possible.

Health, care and other human research should serve the public interest, which means that we have to demonstrate that our research serves the interests of society as a whole. We do this by following University and appropriate UK policies and codes of practice.

The only people in the University who will have access to your personal identifying information will be those who need to contact you for the study or to carry out audits of the research.

If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal data, you can contact our Data Protection Officer who will investigate the matter. If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing your personal data in a way that is not lawful you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Our Data Protection Officer is Eamon Mullan;  
you can contact him at [e.mullan@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:e.mullan@ulster.ac.uk).

The research participant privacy notice can be found at  
<https://www.ulster.ac.uk/about/governance/compliance/gdpr/privacy>