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They will talk you through the process of having your data removed.

Please be assured that this will not affect your treatment and care in any way.

Want to know more?

If you would like more information about the National Audit of Pulmonary Hypertension please get in touch with us in the following ways:

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The National Audit of Pulmonary Hypertension

What you need to know



What is the National Audit of Pulmonary Hypertension?

The National Audit of Pulmonary Hypertension is a clinical audit carried out by NHS Digital, a government organisation set up to collect and study information on health and social care.

The audit measures the quality of care provided to people referred to pulmonary hypertension services in England

(including patients referred from Wales) and Scotland, with the aim of improving patient care.

By looking at what is being done now, the audit can help to improve care for people with pulmonary hypertension in the future.

The Pulmonary Hypertension Association (PHA UK) played a vital role in setting up the National Audit of Pulmonary Hypertension by funding its first year in 2010.

How does the audit measure quality of care?

The audit measures against professionally agreed standards for the quality of care provided by pulmonary hypertension services.

These standards include:

- ✓ Patients should receive a timely diagnosis
- ✓ Patients receiving a PH drug should have an annual consultation
- ✓ PH centres should see a sufficient number of patients
- ✓ Patient quality of life should be recorded



How does this improve care?

The audit publishes annual reports which show how the participating PH centres measure against these standards. These reports identify where improvement is needed and

showcase good practice.

The standards are reviewed every year to ensure they meet changes in care and patient need.

All of the reports are available on the NHS Digital website by visiting www.digital.nhs.uk/ph

What health information does the audit collect about you?

The audit collects identifiable information about you and your treatment to track your care wherever you receive it.

Only information that is normally recorded in your medical notes is used. This identifiable information is linked to Office of National Statistics information.

The data within the published audit report is anonymised, which means that a patient

cannot be identified because their personal information is removed.

You can find a full list of the information collected in our audit by visiting www.digital.nhs.uk/ph

