

## The Pelvic Floor Registry



### About the registry

NHS Digital has developed a Pelvic Floor Registry to monitor and improve patient safety. It records the surgical mesh implants, and related medical devices, given to patients, and the organisations and surgeons that have carried out the procedures.

The registry will also collect information about patients that receive alternative procedures that do not include a medical device or implant so that outcomes can be compared and complications can be understood.

The main aim of the registry is to improve patient safety. It will mean that patients can be traced in the event of a product recall or safety concern relating to a specific type of implant or treatment. Outcomes data collected by the registry will also be used to improve procedures offered to future patients.

The registry has been created in response to a request from then Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Matt Hancock, for NHS Digital to support the national reporting of surgical devices and implants.

The registry reflects the recommendations from the [First Do No Harm report](#), produced by the Independent Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Review, which is to:

1. Create a central, patient-identifiable database, by collecting important details of all implanted surgical devices at the time of the operation.
2. Link the data to specifically created registers to research and audit procedure outcomes, in terms of both device safety and patient reported outcomes measures.

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## How will it benefit you

Information collected from the registry will have a number of benefits.

1. It will be quicker and easier to identify adverse outcomes with particular devices or procedures, meaning issues can be investigated promptly.
2. In the event of a product recall, the registry will allow you to be contacted in a more timely manner.
3. Patient outcomes will be compared to investigate the longer-term effects of surgical devices and implants.
4. The data will help you and your doctor make more informed decisions about your future care, leading to better outcomes.

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## The information we collect

The information your surgical team will submit to NHS Digital includes:

- your NHS number
- your family name
- your first name
- your current postcode
- your date of birth
- your surgeon, and other clinicians involved in your care
- details of your surgical procedure
- details of the implant used
- information about your state of health pre and post treatment
- post-operative outcome information collected from you by clinicians or submitted by you as part of the review of your care

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## **How your information will be used**

Data collected by the Pelvic Floor registry will be linked with data held by NHS Digital (on behalf of the health and care system) to generate an integrated data set.

The data will be analysed and reviewed and these results will help with the development of decision aids for patients and clinicians to use in future. Clinicians will also be able to provide feedback to patients about the effectiveness of treatments they have received.

Your personal information will be retained to allow you to be contacted in the event of an implant recall. Information that identifies you will only be shared for the purpose of your direct care and with organisations that have a legal basis to receive your data, such as GPs. Where we store and use personal data collected from care and treatment records, it is mostly held as codes rather than words. NHS Digital will publish reports on the use of various medical devices, implants, procedures and outcomes. These reports will only contain anonymised, aggregated information (meaning, data that has been grouped or combined) so you cannot be identified.

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## How your information is kept safe

NHS Digital takes its responsibility for looking after information very seriously, and we always collect and store information about you securely and in line with the law.

There are very strict rules about who can access the personal data we process, and what it can be used for. Information is never passed to marketing or insurance companies without your consent. Within NHS Digital, a limited number of authorised staff will have access to your information to maintain the registry.

If you would like further information around this, view our [Surgical Devices and Implants Data Collection data provision notice](#).

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