

Current Research in Substance Misuse Services

Study: Investigating all-cause mortality in the substance misuse treatment population

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Members of staff at Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust are conducting a study to explore risk factors and the clinical care of people who have been under the care of our substance misuse services. Your data may be being used for this study if you have accessed our substance misuse services for addiction to an illegal drug at any point between the 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2020.

What does this study involve?

A small number of researchers from the Trust who work on this study access patient records and link it to some other data sources (such as reports from coroners, the police and the ambulance service). All data is stored on our NHS Trust servers. Some personally identifiable data (name, address, NHS number and date of birth) is sent to NHS Digital, so that they can tell us if someone has died and what the cause of the death was. This is done securely, according to the terms of a data sharing agreement, and in line with strict legal and ethical guidelines. No diagnosis or treatment data is sent to NHS Digital.

All data used is anonymised and summarised before it is published. No service user's care would be negatively affected by being in this study. This project has been approved by the Health Research Authority and the East Midlands - Nottingham NHS Research Ethics Committee. For more information on who has access to your data and how it is being used, please contact one of the researchers using the contact details at the bottom of this page.

Why is this study being done?

To improve the support for our service users. This will help us identify risk factors, patterns in behaviour, and how to provide the best clinical management. This study will help to inform the care people receive across the UK.

What do I do if I do not want my information to be used for this study?

If you do not want your information to be used for this study, please contact the research team on the contact details below and we will make sure that your information is not included.

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