

Saving lives in the West Midlands

The important part you play

Every time you visit your local doctor or hospital, you could be helping save someone's life.

It might be a family member or friend. At some point, their care might even save you. Every x-ray, blood test and treatment we have leads to information doctors, researchers and those who plan health and care services can learn from. That is how we get new life-saving medicines, develop new healthcare technology and improve health and care services. Our health information has been used to help others as well as ourselves for many years. It has led to the better care and longer lives we have today.

Now the NHS is creating a new way for this to happen. It's called the West Midlands Secure Data Environment. It will make it much easier for doctors, researchers and health and care service planners to learn from our health information, while keeping it safer and more secure.

Opting out

From West Midlands SDE-supported research and care service planning only, or to opt back in:

- visit <https://westmidlandssde.nhs.uk/your-data/local-data-opt-out/>
- download and complete a form
- email to WMSDEOptout@uhb.nhs.uk,
- or post to: **West Midlands SDE, R&D, 1st Floor, ITM, Heritage Building, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, B15 2TH**
- watch out for details of our phone service, coming soon.

From all research and care service planning:

Visit <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out>, or call **0300 303 5678**.

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