

## **GP Practice - PinPoint Test Evaluation Privacy Notice**

This privacy notice tells you what to expect us to do with your personal information if you take part in the PinPoint test evaluation. The PinPoint test is a new test that has recently been regulated for use in the NHS. The test predicts a patient's chance of having cancer.

In the future, the PinPoint test results will be used by hospital doctors to support decision making and to help them to prioritise patients on the urgent cancer referral pathway. This means patients with the highest chance of cancer will have their hospital appointments prioritised.

### **Data Controllers**

The Data Controllers legally responsible for the processing of your personal information as part of the PinPoint Test evaluation are:

#### **Blackburn Road Medical Centre**

Data Protection Officer contact: [this.dpo@nhs.net](mailto:this.dpo@nhs.net)

#### **The Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS**

Pinderfields Hospital

Aberford Road

Wakefield

WF1 4DG

Tel. 0844 8118110 or 01924 541000

Data Protection Officer contact: [midyorks.dpo@nhs.net](mailto:midyorks.dpo@nhs.net)

### **Purpose for Processing Personal Information**

The purpose of the processing is to evaluate the PinPoint Test to determine that the test is working as expected and is ready and effective for use in hospitals.

The test involves having a blood sample taken in the doctor's surgery. The blood test is carried out in the laboratory at the Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust. This is the regional testing hub for the new PinPoint test. The PinPoint test is based on an algorithm (put simply, this means the rules of how the test works) which uses artificial intelligence and machine learning to measure specific features in a patient's blood and combines this with some information about the patient: their sex, ethnicity and pregnancy status.

The evaluation is undertaken by an NHS expert panel, including clinicians, in collaboration with PinPoint Data Science Ltd. To support the evaluation the hospital will combine the PinPoint Test result with the patient's outcome including any cancer diagnosis.

Personal information will not be used for any other purpose other than to support the evaluation of the PinPoint test.

## **Lawful Basis for Processing**

The lawful basis for the data controllers to process your personal data is Article 6.1 (a) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which allows the processing of your personal information with your consent for the purpose described in this notice.

The lawful basis for the data controllers to process special category data is Article 9.2 (a) of the GDPR, which allows the processing of information about your health and ethnicity with your explicit consent.

Explicit consent also supports compliance with the Common Law Duty of Confidentiality.

Consent may be withdrawn at any point by contacting the GP Practice in writing.

Consent for your bloods to be taken will be separately requested by your GP.

## **Type of Personal Information Used**

The blood test request that your GP will send to the hospital laboratory will include your name and NHS Number as well as your date of birth, sex ethnicity and pregnancy status.

The blood test is carried out in the laboratory at the Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust. This is the regional testing hub for the new PinPoint test.

Before the PinPoint Test algorithm is run, your name and any identifiers are removed by the hospital and replaced with a test sample ID number.

The information used for the evaluation of the PinPoint test will be fully anonymised. At no point will the panel undertaking the evaluation have access to any identifiable information about you.

## **Use of Automated Decision Making and Profiling**

Your personal data and special category data is not used in any automated decision making (a decision made solely by automated means without any human involvement).

The PinPoint test does however use 'profiling' (automated processing of personal data to evaluate certain conditions about an individual) to make a prediction of risk in relation to the patients health. The test uses artificial intelligence and machine learning to refine an existing algorithm (specialist computer programme) which in turn generates an individual probability score for each patient. The probability score will however only be used by the patient's clinician as a tool to support their clinical decision making and professional judgement.

### **Who the information will be shared with (recipients)**

Anonymised information for the purposes of the evaluation will be shared with an NHS expert panel, including clinicians, who will make a decision about moving the test into live use, with support from representatives from PinPoint Data Science Ltd who have developed the PinPoint algorithm.

### **Are any Data Processors used**

Yes, the following data processors are involved in the processing of your personal information as described in this notice.

**Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust** – Provide secure hosting of the server on which the PinPoint test algorithm is run.

**XLabs National Pathology Exchange (NPEX)** – Provides pathology test request and test result messaging through secure NHS infrastructure giving digital integration between laboratories so results are returned in seconds.

### **How long will your information be kept?**

The blood test request will be kept by your registered GP Practice for 10 years following death.

The blood test request will be kept by the Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust for 10 years after the last episode of care at the Trust.

Your blood test results will be kept by the Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust for 10 years after the last episode of care at the Trust.

The results of the PinPoint Test will be kept by the Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS for 10 years after the last episode of care at the Trust.

### **Your Data Protection Rights**

With regards to this processing activity, under the GDPR you have the following rights:

**Your right of access** - You have the right to ask us for a copy of your personal information.

**Your right to rectification** - You have the right to ask us to rectify personal information you think is inaccurate. You also have the right to ask us to complete information you think is incomplete.

**Your right to erasure** - You have the right to ask us to erase your personal information, in certain circumstances.

**Your right to restriction of processing** - You have the right to ask us to restrict the processing of your personal information in certain circumstances.

**Your right to object to processing** - You have the the right to object to the processing of your personal information in certain circumstances.

**Your right to data portability** - You have the right to ask that we transfer the personal information you gave us to another organisation, or to you, in certain circumstances.

You are not required to pay any charge for exercising your rights.

Please contact us if you wish to make a request.

### **How to Complain**

We work to high standards when it comes to processing your personal information.

If you have any concerns about our use of your personal information, you can make a complaint to your registered GP Practice Data Protection Officer contact: [this.dpo@nhs.net](mailto:this.dpo@nhs.net)

You can also complain to the ICO if you are unhappy with how we have used your data.

The ICO's address:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 1113

ICO website: <https://www.ico.org.uk>