

How to opt out

The dataset will be most effective when it has information from as many patients as possible.

However, if you do not want your information to be stored in the DID please tell the people who are treating you. They will make sure your information is not copied into the DID.

You may, at a later date, still decide to opt out. If so you can contact NHS Digital directly.

How will the Diagnostic Imaging Dataset make a difference?

The DID will:

- provide a more comprehensive picture of diagnostic testing in England, to improve patients' access to the most appropriate diagnostic tests
- provide information on waiting times for diagnostic tests
- provide information on types of tests being used
- provide evidence about which tests are the most successful, by linking with future diagnosis data held by other public health organisations
- inform the NHS about the use of expensive diagnostic equipment across England to ensure best use of public money.

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Will anyone contact me?

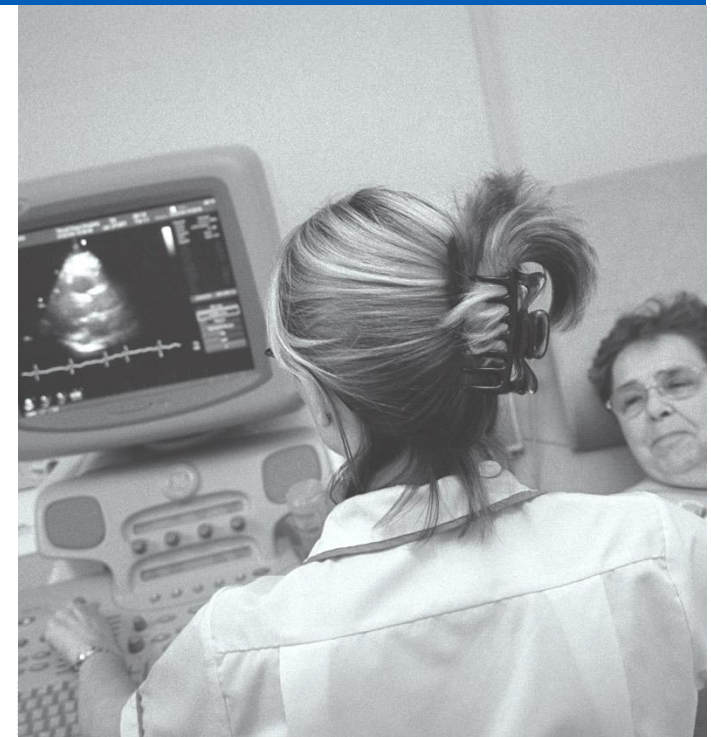
No one from the NHS Digital will contact you unsolicited. Any information about future diagnoses will be provided by the hospital that is treating you.

If you have any queries or would like to know more, please get in touch:

Telephone: 0300 303 5678

Email:
Enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk

Or visit the website
did.hscic.gov.uk/



What you need to know

What is the Diagnostic Imaging Dataset?

The Diagnostic Imaging Dataset (DID) is a database that holds information on the imaging tests and scans carried out on NHS patients. It will be used to compare the tests undertaken with any illness diagnosed.

How will it improve patient care?

The DID will inform decision making in the future. It will enable the NHS to use data to advise about the most appropriate tests to detect an illness at the earliest possible stage and to provide the most accurate diagnosis.



Who manages the Diagnostic Imaging Dataset?

It is managed by NHS Digital. As England's national source of health and social care information, we provide valuable information to the NHS so it can provide the best possible services to its patients.

What do we collect?

- information about the diagnostic tests that you have
- your NHS number
- your date of birth
- postcode

We do this so that if at a later date you are diagnosed with an illness it is possible to look up which tests you had. This will allow us to see how successful different tests are across the country, and make recommendations for improvements.

Keeping your information safe

We store the information securely. It is only made available to appropriate staff, and is kept strictly confidential.



The personal data held will only be accessed if you are later diagnosed with an illness. Even then, it will only be used to connect information about the tests you had with further information about your diagnosis held by other public health organisations.

We will never report anything that may identify you. We retain the information we collect in line with Department of Health guidance. This enables future diagnoses to be linked back to tests undertaken.