

# National Quality Improvement and Clinical Audit Network



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## Use of patient data to improve NHS Services

Our Organisation/hospital, like all NHS organisations, uses information (data) about your care in order to review the quality of care. This enables us to be sure that standards are being met and helps us to improve the quality of care that we provide. This activity is carried out by clinical teams and may also involve clinical audit / other non-clinical Trust staff who are experts in data collection. The Trust oversees all of this activity through its authorisation processes. Our Caldicott Guardian is responsible for keeping the confidentiality of patient information safe and our organisations adopts the 'Caldicott principles'. All data is treated in strictest confidence, is stored securely and is anonymized. No patients can ever be identified in any subsequent reporting of results, unless we have previously asked and got your permission. If you require any further information on data protection and confidentiality or if you do not want your information used as described above please contact the Organisation/hospital's Information Governance Team on xxxxx

## The Caldicott Principles

Extracted from “Information to Share or Not to Share”

([https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/192572/2900774\\_InfoGovernance\\_accv2.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/192572/2900774_InfoGovernance_accv2.pdf)) :

*Principle 1—Justify the purpose(s):* Every proposed use or transfer of patient-identifiable information within or from an organisation should be clearly defined and scrutinised, with continuing uses regularly reviewed, by an appropriate guardian.

*Principle 2—Don’t use patient-identifiable information unless it is absolutely necessary:*

*Principle 3—Use the minimum necessary patient-identifiable information*

*Principle 4—Access to patient-identifiable information should be on a strict need-to-know basis:*

*Principle 5—Everyone with access to patient-identifiable information should be aware of their responsibilities:*

*Principle 6—Understand and comply with the law:*