

## Privacy Notice for North Wales Organisation for Randomised Trials in health and Social Care

The North Wales Organisation for Randomised Trials in Health and Social Care, (NWORTH) is a UK Clinical Research Collaboration (UKCRC) fully registered Clinical Trials Unit, (UKCRC CTU Registration number 23). We specialise in the design, conduct, analysis and reporting of randomised controlled trials and other evaluative methodologies. NWORTH's mission is to improve the health and well-being of the people of Wales by evaluating complex interventions in health and social care. NWORTH is not a legal entity, it comes under the auspices of Bangor University.

The data controller for the studies we undertake are the sponsoring organisations. Details of the Sponsors for each study are contained in the patient information sheets.

As a University-based Clinical Trials Unit, we use information to conduct research to improve health, care and services. We are committed to ensuring that the personal data we process is handled in accordance with data protection legislation and all NWORTH staff undertake data protection training. To ensure we carry out research to the highest standards we comply with the Clinical Trials Directive 2001/20/EC and the UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research.

The vast majority of information used by the Trials Unit is anonymised and not personally identifiable. However, when we do use personally-identifiable information from people who have agreed to take part in research, the lawful basis for processing this information is as a public task, i.e. the processing is necessary for us to perform a task in the public interest or for our official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law. This means that when you agree to take part in a research study, we will use your data in the ways needed to conduct and analyse the research study.

As a participant who has agreed to take part in a research study, your rights to access, change or move your information are limited, as we need to manage your information in specific ways in order to ensure that the research we conduct is reliable and accurate. If you withdraw from a study, we will keep the information about you that we have already obtained. To safeguard your rights, we use as little personally-identifiable information as possible and the vast majority of data we handle is anonymised data.

We protect your data against unauthorised access, unlawful use, accidental loss, corruption or destruction. We use technical measures such as encryption and password protection to protect your data. We also limit the number of people who have access to your data and keep this under constant review. NWORTH is committed to ensuring that your privacy is

protected and any information provided to NWORTH will only be used in accordance with this privacy policy.

Information is also collected for the administration and costing of research grant applications, again under the same lawful basis.

The information we collect may vary depending upon the nature of your interaction with us, (e.g. email address and contact details for potential research collaborators), however, the way we protect your information is always within the terms of this privacy notice.

We will only store data that is necessary for a specific purpose and will only store it for the length of time required to serve this purpose, (unless we are legally obliged to hold it for longer – e.g. for archiving purposes). Your data will be securely deleted when it is no longer required for its stated purpose and its required period of archiving has been met.

We never share your information with third parties or transfer your information without your expressed permission.

If you have any queries or comments about this Privacy Notice, please contact us at:

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If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal data, you can contact our Head of Compliance, Gwenan Hine:

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