



National Respiratory Audit Programme (NRAP)

Further sharing of identifiable data for research, audit and evaluation purposes

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Data collected as part of NRAP includes information about the treatment and care a person receives in hospital, as well as identifiable information (eg NHS number, date of birth, postcode). Third party organisations may request to use audit data for research, audit and service evaluation purposes. Normally, this data will not include personal identifiers (such as NHS number). However, in the rare cases it does, the appropriate legal, ethical and security arrangements will be in place to ensure this information is kept safe and secure. If third parties need more data than is collected in the audit to answer their questions, they may also require a 'linkage' to other sources of information. In these cases, identifiable data will be sent to NHS Digital in England or DHCW (Digital Health and Care Wales) in Wales.

The table below details the instances in which NRAP has shared identifiable data outside of the usual data flows. It also details the purpose of the sharing/linkage. This table will be updated whenever appropriate. Please note, this programme of audit previously ran under the name National Asthma and COPD Audit Programme (NACAP). Entries prior to 1 June 2023 will have been processed under NACAP.

Recipient organisation	Dataset provided and date	Purpose of data sharing/linkage	Additional data required for linkage	Additional notes
NHS Digital on behalf of Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD)	COPD audit (cohort discharged from February 2017 to September 2019) Data provided: July 2019	Public health research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HES Admitted Patient Care • HES Accident and Emergency • Office for National Statistics Death Registration • Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) • CPRD primary care data 	NHS Digital will only pass de-identified information to CPRD. CPRD only releases linked data to public health research studies in line with the ICO Anonymisation Code of Practice. This release of data is to support public health research to be carried out by Imperial College London.