

Information Sharing

Some of the information in these notes will be recorded electronically, to help your health professionals provide the best possible care.

The National Health Service (NHS) also wishes to collect some of this information about you and your baby, to help it to

- monitor health trends
- increase our understanding of adverse outcomes
- strive towards the highest standards
- make recommendations for improving maternity care.

The NHS has very strict confidentiality and data security procedures in place to ensure that personal information is not given to unauthorised persons. The data is recorded and identified by NHS number, and your name and address is removed to safeguard confidentiality. Other information such as date of birth and postcode are included to help understand the influences of age and geography. In some cases, details of the care are looked at by independent experts working for the NHS, as part of special investigations ('confidential enquiries'), but only after the records have been completely anonymised. While it is important to collect data to improve the standard and quality of the care of all mothers and babies, you can 'opt out' and have information about you or your baby excluded. This will not in any way affect the standard of care you receive. For further details, please ask your lead professional (page 1).

However your information may be shared with other agencies where the midwife believes or suspects, that you or your child is suffering or likely to suffer significant harm.

Data collection and record keeping discussed

Date

Signed*:
Care Provider