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Study Application Form

Data-Only Studies

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# Study application form

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The purpose of this form is to allow you to provide details about a proposed research study and apply for access to data.

The Access Board will use the study application form to assess whether the study is:

* for public benefit
* in line with consent participants have given
* feasible

You must demonstrate clearly throughout the application, the public benefit of the proposed research study.

All questions should be answered, considering the guidance provided.

This form should be completed by the Principal Investigator (PI). The PI is the person responsible for the conduct of the research and oversight of the research team.

## Your audience: the Access Board, the public and the participants

Complete the application using plain language. You can use our [Plain language guidance (PDF)](https://a.storyblok.com/f/228028/x/18c91c069a/our-future-health-plain-language-guidance.pdf).

If you need to include scientific detail, explain it as clearly as possible. Do not use acronyms, jargon or complex language.

This is because some of the people in our Access Board are members of the public who do not have a scientific background.

It may delay your application if we need to check information with you.

## 1. Information that we will publish online

We will publish your name and the answers you give in this section on either the [Our Future Health website](https://research.ourfuturehealth.org.uk/) or the [Health Data Research Innovation Gateway website](https://www.healthdatagateway.org/).

### 1.1 Your organisation

We need to know the organisation that is responsible for the study. That is, the organisation that will help you set up, run and report on this study.

We will send your organisation’s authorised person an email and ask them to check that the study details you submit are correct.

We cannot give a decision on your application until they confirm these details.

1.1.1 Name of the organisation that is responsible for the study:

Enter answer

1.1.2 Full name of the organisation’s authorised person:

Enter answer

1.1.3 Authorised person’s email address:

Enter answer

1.1.4 Authorised person’s role:

Enter answer

### 1.2 Plain language study title

It should be clear what the study is about from the title. Complete the application using plain language. You can use our [Plain language guidance (PDF)](https://a.storyblok.com/f/228028/x/18c91c069a/our-future-health-plain-language-guidance.pdf).

1.2.1 Enter the plain language study title (up to 100 words):

Enter answer

### 1.3 Scientific study title

This is the title that you might have stated in your study protocol or any documentation you’ve submitted for regulatory review.

1.3.1 Does your study have a scientific study title?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  It’s the same as the plain language study title

1.3.2 If yes, enter the scientific study title (up to 100 words):

Enter answer

### 1.4. Study aim

Complete this question using plain language. You can use our [Plain language guidance (PDF)](https://a.storyblok.com/f/228028/x/18c91c069a/our-future-health-plain-language-guidance.pdf).

1.4.1 Enter the aim of your study and any specific research questions:

For example, ‘the study’s aim is to identify potential for new medicines in the cardiovascular field’

Enter answer

### 1.5 Scientific rationale summary

A summary of scientific rationale can include:

* details of any knowledge gaps which your research will address
* the significance of the research area
* details of any anticipated research significance, for example, any advancements it might bring to the research field

You will be asked to give a more detailed scientific rationale in a different question.

Complete the section using plain language. You can use our [Plain language guidance (PDF)](https://a.storyblok.com/f/228028/x/18c91c069a/our-future-health-plain-language-guidance.pdf).

1.5.1 Enter your scientific rationale summary (up to 200 words):

Enter answer

### 1.6 How the study will benefit the public

An explanation of how your research benefits the public can include:

* the significance of the disease area
* whether there’s an unmet patient need which the study aims to address
* specific examples of expected benefits

Complete the section using plain language. You can use our [Plain language guidance (PDF)](https://a.storyblok.com/f/228028/x/18c91c069a/our-future-health-plain-language-guidance.pdf).

1.6.1 Explain how your research will benefit the public (up to 200 words):

Enter answer

### 1.7 Key words

1.7.1 Select up to 6 key words or terms that summarise your research study:

We will use this to categorise the study and make it easier for people to search once published.

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| [ ]  Autoimmune[ ]  Blood[ ]  Cancer[ ]  Cardiovascular[ ]  Dementias[ ]  Diabetes[ ]  Ear, Nose or Throat[ ]  Endocrine[ ]  Eye | [ ]  Gastrointestinal[ ]  Genetic disorders[ ]  Infectious diseases[ ]  Immune system[ ]  Mental health[ ]  Musculoskeletal[ ]  Neurology[ ]  Rare diseases[ ]  Renal | [ ]  Respiratory[ ]  Skin[ ]  Stroke[ ]  Enter answer[ ]  Enter answer[ ]  Enter answer[ ]  Enter answer[ ]  Enter answer[ ]  Enter answer |

### 1.8 Data required for your study

If your application is successful, you will get access to participant data. That is, the core demographic information collected from participants, such as sex, gender and ethnicity.

Additionally, you can also request questionnaire, genotype array and NHS England linked health records data.

To find out more about the Our Future Health data, go to our [data documentation](https://ourfuturehealth.gitbook.io/our-future-health/data/participant-data).

NHS England flow down terms apply to NHS England linked health records data. You can learn more about the flow down terms in our [Resource Terms & Conditions](https://a.storyblok.com/f/228028/x/1f8d81aa9a/our-future-health-resource-terms-and-conditions-version-1_1_1.pdf).

1.8.1 Select which additional data is required for your study:

Select all that apply.

[ ]  Questionnaire data - the self-reported health information provided by participants in response to our health questionnaire

[ ]  Clinic measurements data: Baseline physical health measures collected from participants during their clinic appointment by trained staff

[ ]  Participant geographies data: Country and region information derived from participants’ self-reported address at the time of registration to the Our Future Health programme

[ ]  Genotype array data - genome-wide SNP genotypes from beadchip array (VCF and BGEN file types)

[ ]  NHS England linked health records data: Accident and Emergency (HES A&E)

[ ]  NHS England linked health records data: Emergency Care Data Set (ECDS)

[ ]  NHS England linked health records data: Admitted Patient Care (HES APC)

[ ]  NHS England linked health records data: Cancer Pathway

[ ]  NHS England linked health records data: Cancer Registration

[ ]  NHS England linked health records data: Outpatients (HES OP)

[ ]  NHS England linked health records data: Office for National Statistics (ONS) Death Registration data for England and Wales

or

[ ]  I only need the default participant data for my study

1.8.2 Explain how the data you have selected supports your study aims (optional):

If you are not able to provide adequate justification for any data selected for your study, then your application may be rejected.

Enter answer

### 1.9 Funding

1.9.1 Have you applied for funding for your study?

This includes both internal and external funding sources.

 [ ]  Yes

 [ ]  No

1.9.2 If yes, list all the organisations you have applied to for funding:

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| Organisation name | Funding status |
| Enter answer | [ ]  Secured / [ ]  Applied for |
| Enter answer | [ ]  Secured / [ ]  Applied for |
| Enter answer | [ ]  Secured / [ ]  Applied for |

### 1.10 Data access

It takes up to 60 days to process your study application.

1.10.1 If your study is approved, when do you want access to the data?

[ ]  As soon as possible

[ ]  On a specific date MM YYYY

[ ]  I don’t know

### 1.11 Study duration

We need to know the proposed duration of your study so that we know how long to give you access to the data for.

If you need to, you can ask to change the duration after you’ve submitted your application.

If your study application is approved, you must send us an end of study summary within one year of the study ending.

1.11.1 What is the proposed duration of your study?

Enter answer

1.11.2 If your study’s proposed duration is longer than 36 months, explain why:

Enter answer

## 2. Scientific detail and study design

### 2.1 Accessing the data

Most researchers will access, explore and analyse the data in the Our Future Health Trusted Research Environment (TRE), a highly secure computing environment.

If this does not suit your needs, you may be able to use a different TRE. To use a different TRE, it must be accredited by the Our Future Health accreditation process. It can take up to 60 days to get a TRE accredited.

2.1.1 Select how you will access the data:

[ ]  Our Future Health TRE

[ ]  A different TRE that’s accredited

If you will access the data in a different TRE that’s accredited:

2.1.2 Enter the name of the TRE as stated on your accreditation email correspondence

Enter answer

2.1.3 Enter the reference number of the TRE as stated on your accreditation email correspondence

Enter answer

### 2.2 Importing data

2.2.1 Do you intend to import any data to your chosen TRE?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

2.2.2 If yes, describe the data set and why it is needed:

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| Describe the data set. Include information on what the data set includes, where it's from and how much data there is. | Is it individual-level data? | Explain why the data set is needed |
| Enter answer | [ ]  Yes/ [ ]  No | Enter answer |
| Enter answer | [ ]  Yes/ [ ]  No | Enter answer |
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| Enter answer | [ ]  Yes/ [ ]  No | Enter answer |
| Enter answer | [ ]  Yes/ [ ]  No | Enter answer |

Note: approval from the data set’s data controller will be required before data can be imported.

2.3 Scientific rationale

Scientific rationale can include:

* the background to the study
* any relevant references, for example, [PubMed PMIDs](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/help/) or [Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs](https://researchguides.uic.edu/doi#:~:text=A%20DOI%2C%20or%20Digital%20Object,a%20document%20from%20your%20citation.))

2.3.1 Explain the scientific rationale for your research (up to 400 words):

Enter answer

### 2.4 Study design and methods

We need to understand how you will carry out research in an objective way to remove bias and get meaningful and precise conclusions. In your explanation, include:

* sample size calculations
* any additional power or precision estimates, if applicable
* broad statements and examples of the types of things the study will be looking to find, if you’re conducting a hypothesis-generating study

2.4.1 Explain how you will design the study and which methods you will use (up to 400 words):

You can add diagrams or figures as supporting documents in Section 5, to illustrate your study design.

Enter answer

### 2.5 Scientific quality review

We expect the quality of your study to be reviewed. You can ask experts in relevant fields to give independent advice on its quality and the scale of the research. This can be a member of your research team.

The Access Board does not undertake a scientific review of studies.

2.5.1 Select who has reviewed the scientific quality of your study:

[ ]  An independent expert or department

[ ]  Your organisation’s expert or department

[ ]  A member or members of your research team

[ ]  An educational supervisor

[ ]  Other: Enter answer

[ ]  If none, explain why: Enter answer

### 2.6 Statistical review

We expect an individual or a department with relevant expertise of the research and methodology involved, to review the statistical parts of studies. This can be a member of your research team.

The Access Board does not undertake a statistical review of studies.

You can submit the statistician’s report or comments as a supporting document.

2.6.1 Select who has reviewed the statistical parts of your study:

[ ]  An independent expert or department

[ ]  Our organisation’s expert or department

[ ]  A member or members of your research team

[ ]  An educational supervisor

[ ]  Other: Enter answer

[ ]  If none, explain why: Enter answer

### 2.7 Study limitations

Study limitations are weaknesses in the research design that may affect the conclusions of the study.

2.7.1 Explain your study’s limitations and how you’re addressing them (up to 400 words):

Enter answer

### 2.8 Ethical issues

Ethical issues may include any potential bias, scientific validity of the study, or the impact the study could have on the public.

2.8.1 Explain the ethical issues in your study and how you’re addressing them (up to 400 words):

Enter answer

### 2.9 Involving the public

Involving the public can mean involving patients or participants in how your study is designed, run or shared.

2.9.1 Select which parts of the study have, or will, involve the public:

Select all that apply.

[ ]  The public have been involved in the design of the study

[ ]  The public will be involved in running or overseeing the study

[ ]  The public will be involved in sharing the study findings

[ ]  The public are part of the study’s research team

[ ]  Other: Enter answer

[ ]  If the study does not involve the public, explain why: Enter answer

### 2.10 Related studies

2.10.1 Is this study related to any other study that you, or your research team, have submitted to Our Future Health?

This could be a follow-up study or part of a series of studies that are related.

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  I don’t know

2.10.2 If yes, enter the Our Future Health Study ID of the related study:

Enter answer

### 2.11 Rejected studies

2.11.1 Have you or your research team submitted a similar study that was previously rejected?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  I don’t know

2.11.2 If yes, enter the Our Future Health Study ID of the rejected study:

Enter answer

## 3. Study outcomes

### 3.1 Primary outcome

The primary outcome is the most important outcome that’s being analysed in the study. It’s the data, or results, that will answer the research question you’ve posed.

3.1.2 Enter the study’s primary outcome (up to 200 words):

Enter answer

### 3.2 Sharing your findings

If your study application is approved, you must send us a summary of your findings.

We will publish a summary of your study findings on the Our Future Health website or the Health Data Research Innovation Gateway website.

We’d like to know how else you plan to share the findings from your study.

3.2.1 Select how you will share the findings from your study:

[ ]  Scientific publications in journals

[ ]  Conferences and poster presentations

[ ]  Websites

[ ]  Other: Enter answer

[ ]  If none, explain why: Enter answer

### 3.3 Intellectual property

3.3.1 Will your study outcome lead to the development of a new product or the generation of intellectual property?

For example, a new device, drug or intervention.

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

[ ]  I don’t know

3.3.2 If yes, enter details (up to 200 words):

Enter answer

## 4. Research team

### 4.1 Your research team

You can add Our Future Health registered researchers to your study. If added now, they will get immediate access to the study data if the study is approved.

You will be able to add or remove registered researchers throughout the duration of the study.

As the Principal Investigator, you shall ensure that all collaborators on the research study are Registered Researchers with Our Future Health.

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| Email registered with Our Future Health | Researcher’s primary organisation1 | Researcher’s role in the study |
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1 This is the organisation that will assume responsibility for the researcher on the study.

### 4.2 Research team experience

We need to know what research experience you have. This includes:

whether you’ve had experience of analysing data of this type and size

any examples of similar studies you’ve worked on

if you do not have relevant experience, what support you have from others - for example, if you’re a student you may get support from your supervisors

If you’re working with a team, include their experience and any experience you have working together.

4.2.1 Explain what research experience or support you have (up to 400 words):

Enter answer

## 5. Supporting information (optional)

You may attach any relevant supporting information and documents, if it helps explain your answers. For example:

* a cover letter (only include this if it contains additional information not contained in this Study Application Form)
* feedback or results of any peer-review of the proposed research study
* statistician’s report or comments about how the statistical parts of the study have been reviewed
* letters of support
* additional figures or diagrams used to illustrate the design of the study

## 6.Authorisations

### 6.1 Application declaration

Before you submit your study application, make sure you have read and understand the following statements:

*I hereby confirm that the information provided on this application is accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

*I hereby confirm I will notify the Access Team if there are changes to the information provided within this form.*

Enter PI name

Enter PI email address

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 *A signature request will be sent to the PI after submission Date*

6.2 Primary organisation authorisation

The PI’s Primary Organisation is the organisation that takes on overall responsibility for proportionate, effective arrangements being in place to set up, run and report a research study. The person signing as the organisation’s authorised person must have authority within the organisation to do so.

*I hereby confirm that the information provided on this application is accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

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*authorised person after submission*

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