

## London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) – Privacy Notice for use of the NVR registry data in the ESORT-V project

This privacy notice explains how we will keep personal data safe, how and when we will use data, and how to opt-out of the registry data.

### Who are we?

LSHTM is a university in the UK which focuses on improving health worldwide. We will treat all data received safely and carefully, and obey all relevant data privacy laws. At LSHTM we have a number of general data policies in place:

- [LSHTM Data Protection Guide](#)
- [LSHTM Data Protection Policy](#)
- [Privacy notice for research participants](#)

### Research data used for ESORT-V

The ESORT-V project will use “De-personalised data” from the National Vascular Registry (NVR). De-personalised data means that information which can be used to identify an individual (for example: your name or date of birth) will not be included in the data that LSHTM receives. As this data still includes patient-specific information, it will be handled with care at LSHTM:

- The data will be used for the ESORT-V project only and will not be used for any other research
- Access to the data will be restricted to researchers who have permission to use it
- The data will be stored on the secure server at LSHTM
- The data will be held at LSHTM for a defined period of time (to complete the ESORT-V project) and will then be destroyed.

The approval process that LSHTM has undertaken for access to the NVR data is available [here](#). In addition, the ESORT-V project has undergone an ethics approval process with the LSHTM ethics committee (LSHTM Ethics Ref: 27065; email: [ethics@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:ethics@lshtm.ac.uk) ).

### Why are we using NVR data?

The NVR collects data relating to the quality and outcome of care for patients who have received vascular procedures/surgeries at NHS hospitals. The dataset undergoes rigorous validity checks to ensure the quality of the data available. The NVR data will be used to investigate the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of surgery due to the quality of the data and the specific vascular information available.

NVR has approval for collecting health care information and shares patient-level data which complies with General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The NVR have their own [privacy notice](#) which also contains information on how to opt-out of the NVR data.

### How long will we use the NVR data for?

The ESORT-V project completion date is 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The data will be destroyed by the IT services department at LSHTM two years after the end of the project. The data will be destroyed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

### Legal basis for using personal data

LSHTM is a public authority as described under Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. LSHTM holds a Royal Charter “for the purpose of and with the objects of promoting original research, consultancy and the study of and education in public health and tropical medicine”. Under Article 6(1)(e) and Article 9(2)(j), the outcomes of this study are in the public interest as it will allow health care services to better plan and prioritise care for patient subgroups and inform national guidelines. To this end, the study meets the conditions detailed in Data Protection Act 2018 Schedule 1 Part 1 (4). The GDPR Recital 52(2) determines that this is an appropriate derogation from the prohibition on processing special categories of personal data

### Contact details for queries

Please contact us if you have any questions about the privacy policy, the ESORT team contact details are available on the [ESORT project website](#).

As we cannot identify individuals in the data (the data is “de-personalised”) we are unable to confirm if an individual’s information is included in the dataset used for the ESORT-V project – please contact NVR ([nvr@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:nvr@rcseng.ac.uk)) for details on personal information.

LSHTM has a data protection officer and they can be contacted by email: [dpo@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:dpo@lshtm.ac.uk)