

# DAISy Information Leaflet

## Drug and Alcohol Information System



## **Background**

This leaflet is for anyone who uses alcohol and drug treatment services. It explains about the information collected nationally in relation to drug and alcohol treatment services and the system used to hold this data. This leaflet has been put together by Public Health Scotland. We look after a variety of health information on behalf of NHS Scotland and other organisations.

## **What is the Drug and Alcohol Information System (DAISy)**

The Drug and Alcohol Information System (DAISy) is a national database which holds data relating to specialist drug and alcohol treatment from services across Scotland. This information will help us to monitor the treatments provided, understand the outcomes from treatment and improve the care that is provided in future.

## **What data will DAISy hold?**

Information about your treatment and recovery is recorded on the system by the service provider in order to help with your care. This includes some personal information such as your name, postcode, date of birth, sex and ethnic group.

## **Why do we need to collect and hold your personal information?**

The personal information collected by your service provider is required to allow them to provide care directly to you. Within Public Health Scotland we may also use this information (with your personal identifiers removed) along with other information that we already hold to help us better understand the needs of people using drug and/or alcohol services. This helps us to plan services to provide you with the best quality health care.

## **Who can access the information held about me on DAISy?**

Within Public Health Scotland, access to information which could identify patients is strictly controlled. We will not share information which could identify you to people not involved in your care.

Those involved in your care journey will be able to access your information directly from DAISy.

## How secure is my data?

We understand the personal and sensitive nature of your information. We have very strict rules about how we look after information we collect about you:

- Everyone working for the drug and alcohol treatment services has a legal duty to keep personal information about you secure and confidential.
- Great care is taken to ensure that high standards of confidentiality are maintained within Public Health Scotland. We store the information on computers with secure passwords and only authorised users will be able to access the system.

We have a senior health professional known as a Caldicott Guardian who is responsible for looking after your information and keeping it secure.

## How long will my data be held?

Your personal information will be held on the system for 10 years and will be destroyed if you are no longer receiving treatment after this time.

## What if I have concerns about my data being recorded?

If you have concerns about your information being held on the system you should speak to your service worker who will be able to advise you of your rights in relation to data protection.

You can learn more about our organisation and what we do, by visiting our website at: [www.isdscotland.org](http://www.isdscotland.org). If you want to find out more about how we store information about you or how we look after information, please go to Public Health Scotland's website to access our privacy notice at

[www.publichealthscotland.scot/our-privacy-notice/organisational-background/](http://www.publichealthscotland.scot/our-privacy-notice/organisational-background/)