

‘Fair Processing’ - Informing Patients

The NDA has section 251 approval to collect patient identifiable data, meaning there are no legal obstacles to participation. Participation is endorsed by professionals (RCGP) and people with diabetes (Diabetes UK). However people with diabetes must be made aware that their service is participating in the NDA – this is known technically as ‘fair processing’. It does not mean that patients have to consent individually, however, all clinics need to do their best to make patients aware of the NDA and understand that patients can opt out if they wish.

Some suggestions are:

- Display posters about the NDA in waiting areas and relevant clinic areas
- Include information about NDA participation on the practice website
- Make NDA patient information leaflets easily available
- Try to make patients aware of NDA reports –patient friendly versions of the National Reports and both GP and specialist clinic level data are available
- Use the specific read codes for recording patient dissent from NDA participation

A patient information leaflet and Poster designed by Diabetes UK and the HSCIC is available to download from the NDA website www.hscic.gov.uk/nda

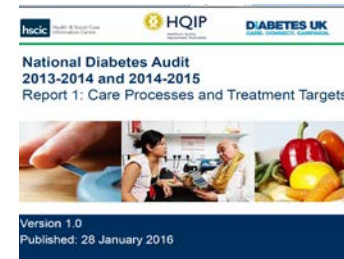
**Patient
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Additional Information

- The National Diabetes Audit - 2013-2014 and 2014-2015: Report 1, Care Processes and Treatment Targets
<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/pubs/ndauditcorerep1415>

For the first time GP practice level data is available for England.



- Patient friendly version of Report 1: Care Processes and Treatment Targets 2013-2015
<https://www.diabetes.org.uk/Documents/Professionals/NDA/NDA%202013-15%20CP%20TT%20-%20easy%20read%20version%20FINAL.pdf>
- Information about the audit can be found on our webpage www.hscic.gov.uk/nda.
- Information for People with Diabetes can be found at the Diabetes UK's website <https://www.diabetes.org.uk> and <https://www.diabetes.org.uk/Professionals/Resources/National-Diabetes-Audit/>
- Information about the HSCIC for patients about keeping their data safe
<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/patientconf>
- Information about fair processing <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-data-protection/principle-1-fair-and-lawful/>