

# Patient Information Leaflet

## Scottish Hip Fracture Audit



This leaflet describes the way the Scottish Hip Fracture Audit (SHFA) collect, store and use information, about you, the injury sustained and the treatment received. and explains why it is important for the future care of injured patients

## **Who are we?**

The Scottish Hip Fracture Audit is part of the Scottish National Audit Program within Public Health Scotland (PHS). PHS is a national special health board of NHS Scotland, jointly sponsored by the Scottish Government and COSLA, which launched on 1 April 2020.

More information about PHS is available at:

<https://www.publichealthscotland.scot/our-areas-of-work/sharing-our-data-and-intelligence/>

## **About the Scottish Hip Fracture Audit**

Whenever someone in Scotland suffers a Hip Fracture either as an injury resulting in admission to hospital or a result of a fall in hospital, the clinical team involved in their care record the relevant details about their treatment. This applies to people over the age of 50 with this particular injury. Hospitals pass some of this information (the treatment/ care that you had) to the Scottish Hip Fracture Audit.

## **What is the aim of the audit?**

To record details about the injury and the treatment received and to use this information to change clinical practice to improve the care these patients receive.

## **What are the benefits?**

The SHFA audit uses this information to learn more about your condition.

Including your information in this national audit helps us to plan future care and improve health and care services that will support patients who have a Hip Fracture in the future by learning about:

- How many people are injured each year;
- How quickly the fracture is repaired;
- The process of returning home; and
- The care you received.

## How are the data collected?

The data are collected from your hospital records and added to an electronic database used to gather all of the information about you and your injury that is included in the SHFA audit.

## What personal information will the audit hold about you?

Only relevant information about your treatment and care is collected. We do collect the following personal information about you:

- Name
- Postcode
- Date of Birth
- Sex
- Community Health Index (CHI) Number
- Your NHS Board

as well as the information about your care.

## How do we use your data?

The data we collect in the SHFA database is held electronically and securely within NHS Scotland.

The SHFA team managing the audit collate and check the information. Personal information is shared with clinical teams and hospital management who are directly involved in your care. Other non-identifiable information is shared with Scottish Government and researchers.

This information may be used for local or national projects and as part of research but individual personal information will never be published. The Audit Steering Group controls who has access to the data. Sharing of the data is done only when appropriate, under secure conditions and with details that could identify you removed as far as is possible.

## **Will anyone contact me from the audit?**

You may also be invited to take part in other associated projects, related to SHFA in the future, but you will be informed about them and be able to decide whether you want to participate or not. If you decide not to take part this will not affect the standard of care you receive.

As the SHFA aims to assist clinical teams with improvements for all patients it is sometimes necessary to contact patients when they are at home.

If there is a need to contact you, it would be by telephone or post and permission to contact you will be sought before you leave hospital.

There are occasions when researchers need to access information about individual patients. There are strict processes they have to go through to do this and they cannot contact you without the approval of your doctor.

## **Do I need to do anything?**

You do not need to do anything – there are no forms to fill in and nothing to sign. Your hospital will record all of the information relevant to your care on their information systems/ records. Relevant information will be manually entered to SHFA database by appropriately trained auditors. Secure automatic processes will then transfer only the parts of these data that are relevant to the SHFA database.

## **Is information about me safe?**

Yes. We have to comply with the law to use your personal information.

The reports that the audit publish do not identify any individuals. Public Health Scotland staff are bound by data protection legislation and confidentiality rules. All information is stored in ways that comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 on computers that can only be accessed with secure passwords.

Only NHS staff with specific security access can see any personal details.

## **Your Rights**

Data Protection law gives you rights over how we use your personal details. These and other more detailed information can be found on the [PHS website](#).

## Where can I get more information?

You can ask your doctor or nurse, another member of your healthcare team, or your hospital's data protection officers.

Or write to:

### **Scottish Hip Fracture Audit**

Gyle Square  
1 South Gyle Crescent  
Edinburgh EH12 9EB

Email: [pms.mskaudit@pms.scot](mailto:pms.mskaudit@pms.scot)

Website: [www.SHFA.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.SHFA.scot.nhs.uk)

## Useful links to other organisations

More information about Hip Fractures can be found on the SHFA website  
[https://www.shfa.scot.nhs.uk/\\_docs/2019/Scottish-standards-of-care-for-hip-fracture-patients-August-2019.pdf](https://www.shfa.scot.nhs.uk/_docs/2019/Scottish-standards-of-care-for-hip-fracture-patients-August-2019.pdf)

[https://www.shfa.scot.nhs.uk/\\_docs/2023/Hip-fracture-leaflet-230302.pdf](https://www.shfa.scot.nhs.uk/_docs/2023/Hip-fracture-leaflet-230302.pdf)

NHS inform, Scotland's national health information service

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/campaigns/falls>

Age Scotland

[www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/scotland)

Age Scotland Helpline: 0800 12 44 222

Royal Osteoporosis Society

<https://theros.org.uk/>

Scottish Delirium Association

<https://sites.google.com/site/scottishdeliriumassociation/home>

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If you need this information in another format or a community language please contact:

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