

# **NOAH: National Outcome Audit of Hypospadias**

Dear Parent / Guardian

We are writing to you because your son has recently had hypospadias surgery. We want to ask you to help us with the National Outcome Audit of Hypospadias.

## **What is the National Outcome Audit of Hypospadias?**

In order to make sure that patients receive the best possible outcomes from their hypospadias surgery, surgeons in the United Kingdom anonymously upload the data about each operation to a central database. For this reason, we would like to obtain your consent to include your son's NHS number and your mobile phone number in the database. Your surgeon is committed to improving outcomes for this procedure and enters data into this database. This database is run by the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons – a charitable organization committed to improving the outcomes of surgery for children together with Dendrite Clinical Systems Ltd, a specialist supplier of clinical databases.

## **What is the data used for?**

- (1) To allow surgeons to demonstrate that their surgery is effective. This means that all surgeons performing hypospadias repairs in the United Kingdom will match a defined standard.
- (2) To allow surgeons to find the best treatments for hypospadias. The database records different aspects of each operation and allows us to find out what treatments work best.

## **Why do you want to record my son's NHS number?**

It is much more useful if we can store your son's NHS number. This is a unique number that everyone in the United Kingdom has. Every time a patient has a procedure performed or is admitted to hospital for treatment, this is recorded using the NHS number. This means that if your son is admitted for further surgery or a complication following surgery, we will be able to record this information in our audit database, even if your son is treated at a different hospital. It is also an important check that all patients are being entered on the database.

## **Why do you want my mobile phone number?**

We will send you a survey<sup>1</sup> that will allow you to feedback on the results of your son's surgery and allow benchmarking of outcomes in the UK. We will not share your phone number with any third party.

## **Is this database secure?**

Yes. The data is kept on servers which meet NHS standards for protection of personal information and is password protected with industry standard protection.

## **Will you share this information with others?**

We will not share any patient specific data, including your son's NHS number. Anonymous summary information will be shared with the public, with surgeons, hospitals and regulators in the form of reports.

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<sup>1</sup> at one year and probably five years

**Consent:**

I, the undersigned, acting as a guardian/representative of ..... give my consent on behalf of..... for the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons to store my child's NHS number for the sole purpose of analysing outcomes from hypospadias surgery.

I also consent to the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons holding and using my mobile phone number for the purpose of contacting me to get feedback on the results of my son's surgery and benchmarking of outcomes in the UK.

**Signed:** ..... **Date:** .....

**Name(Capitals):**..... **Relationship:**.....