**Islington Borough Council**

**Privacy and fair processing notice for Public health services.**

All local authorities have a duty to improve the health of the population they serve. The shared public health service of Camden and Islington Councils is responsible for protecting and improving the health of the population of Camden and Islington. To do this we provide a range of services, such as those to help people make a lifestyle change e.g. smoking cessation services, weight management services and contraceptive services, provide guidance and advice to the public and professionals and monitor and publish intelligence about local health and wellbeing needs to help the council, NHS and other partners plan services to meet the needs of the people of Camden and Islington.

**The data we collect**

To deliver public health, local authorities need to use available health data sources to get relevant health and social care information. This data can contain person identifiable data (PID) which may identify patients such as name, address, age, sex, ethnicity, disease, use of hospital services, and/or NHS Number. Some data may not be obviously identifiable; however there may be the potential to deduce individuals’ identities through combinations of information, either by the people handling the data or by those who see published results.

Camden and Islington Councils have access to the following public health data:

* Primary Care Mortality Database (PCMD) – The PCMD holds mortality data as provided at the time of registration of the death along with additional GP details, geographical indexing and coroner details where applicable
* Births and Vital Statistics datasets  - Births files include date of birth, sex, birthweight, address, postcode, place of birth, stillbirth indicators and age of mother. Deaths data includes: deaths broken down by age, sex, area and cause of death sourced from the deaths register.
* Hospital Episode Data (HES) – is a data warehouse containing details of all admissions, outpatient appointments and A&E attendances at NHS hospitals in England. This data is collected during a patient's time at hospital and is submitted to allow hospitals to be paid for the care they deliver. HES data is designed to enable secondary use, that is use for non-clinical purposes, of this administrative data
* Psuedonymised data from General Practices in Camden and Islington linked to hospital data. The data includes information on diagnosis in the population such as heart disease, cancer, respiratory disease, alongside the management of these conditions such as blood pressure readings, cholesterol levels and gender, ethnicity and age of the population with these conditions. This dataset does not contain any data that directly reveals an individual’s identify, such as names, NHS numbers, addresses.
* Your Data may also be joined up with other health and social care data to increase understanding of the care experience received across the whole health and social care system.

The Public Health team is committed to using pseudonymised or anonymised information as much as is practical, and in many cases this will be the default position. Pseudonymisationis a procedure by which the most identifying fields such as the NHS number is replaced by an artificial identifier, or pseudonym which the Public Health team are unable to decrypt thus effectively anonymising the dataset.

**How your data is used**

All information accessed, processed and stored by public health staff will be used to measure the health, mortality or care needs of the population; for planning, evaluating and monitoring health; protecting and improving public health.  It is used to carry out and support:

* health needs assessments
* health equity analysis
* commissioning and delivery of services to promote health and prevent ill health
* public health surveillance
* identifying inequalities in the way people access services
* joint strategic needs assessment
* health protection and other partnership activities

Any information held by the council about individuals will be held securely and in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Information will not be held for longer than required and will be disposed of securely.  
The legal basis for the flow of data for the above purposes is set out in Section 42(4) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act (2007) as amended by section 287 of the [Health and Social Care Act (2012)](http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN06844/SN06844.pdf) and Regulation 3 of the Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002.

**How we hold and manage your data**

All data that we hold is stored in secure systems within the council and in line with both the council and NHS Information governance framework. These systems are accessed controlled, so only a small number of relevant council employees have access to them.