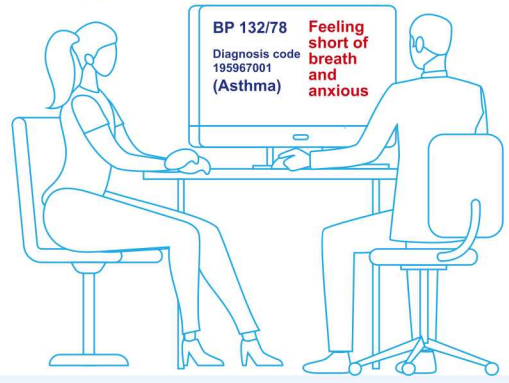


Your health data can help save lives!



What is THIN?

When you visit the GP, information about your health and treatments is recorded. This general practice contributes to the THIN database, which contains anonymised patient information from over 300 general practices in the UK. THIN is used for research to benefit future patients, and has been used to study infections, cancer, diabetes, medicine safety and many other health issues.



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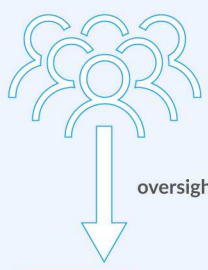
The use of THIN data is overseen by an Advisory Committee composed of patients, clinicians, and researchers from University College London and the University of Birmingham. They ensure that patient data is used for research in a safe, confidential and appropriate way. The THIN database is managed by THIN Ltd., a company established to enable health data to be used for patient benefit.

For more information, please contact info@the-health-improvement-network.co.uk

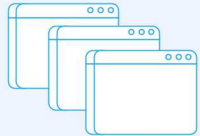
Confidentiality

Coded information in health records is extracted automatically for research in an anonymised way, without including personal identifiers such as name or address. Computer programs are also used to extract anonymised data for research from free text notes in health records. Under strict conditions, approved researchers may view samples of the original text notes within a secure computing environment to ensure that the extracted information is accurate. THIN data is stored securely at all times, and is only accessible to necessary staff to conduct the research.

THIN advisory committee
(patients, clinicians, researchers)



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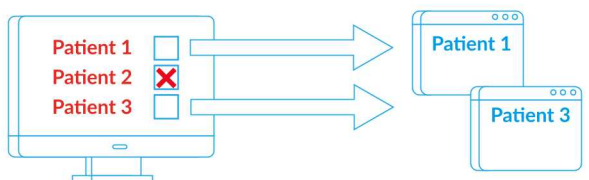
GP patient record

THIN research database

Opting out

If you do not want your data to be used for research, please let practice staff know, and your records will not be collected for THIN. This will not affect your care in any way.

Opt out



THIN research database