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About us
Discover was founded by Imperial College Health Partners, a partnership of NHS organisations and universities across North West London, in association with the Scottish Health Research Register (SHARE). For more information, please visit imperialcollegehealthpartners.com

How can I find out more?
If you want to know more about Discover, please contact the Discover team on

- 08000 288 480
- enquiries@registerfordiscover.org.uk

There is more information on our website

registerfordiscover.org.uk

You can also find us on Twitter

@join_discover

‘We’re helping to create a healthier future through research’

Cherelle is living with sickle cell

Thomas is healthy and wants to join in research

North West London’s health research register
Discover is a register of adults 18 and over living in North West London who are interested in health research and want to find out more about health research opportunities.

Health research can range from participating in surveys, to having your blood tested, to testing new medical devices and phone apps and sometimes participating in clinical trials.

With your help, we want to improve healthcare services and find better ways to treat and prevent illness and disease.

The Discover register is for both healthy people and also those with a medical condition.
How does it work?

1. You complete the Discover registration form. Your details will be held on a secure NHS register.

2. You will be sent a verification request to ensure data security.

5. Only the Discover team will be able to see information that identifies you, for example your name and contact details. Once you are re-identified, the team will contact you about the research opportunity.

6. If you are interested in finding out more, the Discover team will then pass your contact details on to the researcher who will get in touch with you to discuss it further.
Joining the Discover register is easy – all you need to provide is your name, postcode, sex and date of birth. This is the only information we need to search unidentifiable data held in your NHS records. Your details will be held on a secure NHS register.

3 NHS and academic researchers will search unidentifiable health information to find people who may be suitable for health research opportunities.

4 If you have joined the Discover register and match the search criteria, the researcher can ask the Discover team to re-identify you – the researcher will not be able to do this.

7 You decide if you want to take part. It is your choice and you can say no.
How will your information be used?

Information about your health is stored in various NHS computer records. Sometimes this is used to plan health services or carry out health research. If and when your information is used in this way, your personal details and identifiers are removed so you cannot be identified.

When you register for Discover, you are giving permission for NHS and academic researchers to search your unidentifiable health information to find people who might be suitable for research.

For example, a search might be conducted to find people on the register who are over the age of 40 and have diabetes.

The researchers will then ask the Discover team to re-identify those people who have matched the search criteria and contact them about the research opportunity.

Researchers will not be able to identify or contact you until you have given permission to the Discover team for this to happen.

Your full medical record will never be seen.

For example, you may have asthma and diabetes. If the search was to find people only with diabetes, it would not be revealed that you also have asthma.

Your health information is completely confidential and will be processed in accordance with UK Data Protection Law. Your privacy is extremely important to the NHS.

NHS and academic researchers may work in partnership with commercial or pharmaceutical companies to test the latest medicines or innovations with patients.
Join the Discover register today!

- Complete the detachable registration form opposite
- Fold and seal it using the gummed strip
- Pop it in the post!
- You can also register online at registerfordiscover.org.uk

The information you provide is all we need to identify the unidentifiable data in your NHS records – you do not even have to provide your postal address because we can get this using the information you do tell us.

**Terms and conditions**

- If you decide to join Discover you are agreeing to allow us to use the unidentifiable data in your various computer records to check whether you might be suitable for research projects about health. If you are suitable we will contact you to let you know about relevant studies. Once you hear more about any study you will have the opportunity to decide whether to take part.
- All research is regulated to ensure safety of participants.
- Your participation in research is voluntary and you are free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason and without your medical care or legal rights being affected.
- You set the limit on how often you want to be contacted about appropriate research opportunities, this is limited to a maximum of four per year.
- Should you have any queries about the way that your data will be, or has been, processed then please contact the Discover team.

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**Discover registration form**

**Your personal details**

- First name
- Last name
- Date of birth DD MM YY
- Sex: [ ] Female [ ] Male
- Postcode

**Your contact details**

- Email
- Telephone

**Your contact preferences**

Please tell us how we should contact you:

- [ ] Email
- [ ] Telephone
- [ ] Post

Please tell us the maximum number of times in one year we can contact you about relevant health studies:

- [ ] Once
- [ ] Twice
- [ ] Three times
- [ ] Four times

Please tick if you would like to receive our newsletter

Please tick here

- [ ] I agree to the terms and conditions opposite and would like to join the Discover register