



How do I find out more about CRIS?

If you'd like to know more, we hold open sessions to discuss CRIS with anyone wanting further details. Information about these sessions can be found on our website:

www.maudsleybrc.nihr.ac.uk/cris.

You have the right to opt out of your data being included in CRIS. This will not impact the care you receive in any way. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you don't want to be part of CRIS or other health and education databases that are linked, please speak with your mental health worker, or contact us at:

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A Data Controller is the individual or organisation who controls and is responsible for how data is kept and used. South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust) is the Data Controller for CRIS. The Trust has a Privacy Notice which describes how data is kept and used in the organisation and your legal rights with regards to your data. This can be viewed on the Trust website:

www.slam.nhs.uk/personal-information-gdpr

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Introducing the Clinical Records Interactive Search system

Using health records for research to help support families and young people

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What is CRIS?

The Clinical Record Interactive Search system, known as **CRIS**, is a computer system that allows us to carry out research to help young people. It uses Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) information from South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust's clinical records*.

CRIS is safe and secure and does not reveal your personal details to anyone.

CRIS can make a real and positive difference to future CAMHS treatments and care.

CRIS helps us to understand what concerns children and their families come to CAMHS with, how well our treatments work and what changes we can make to improve things.

*notes that your mental health worker makes about your mental health care



How does CRIS work?

The notes your mental health worker makes during sessions are safely stored in our computer records.

The CRIS software then removes and covers up any information that can identify you or your caregiver/friend (making your personal information anonymous). Our researchers then use this information to better understand mental illness and the ways we might be able to improve treatments and care.

For example, your name, full date of birth, address, postcode and phone numbers are replaced with 'ZZZZZ'. For our researchers a letter would look like this:

December 06 ZZZZZ ZZZZZ ZZZZZ ZZZZZ
ZZZZZ Dear ZZZZZ and ZZZZZ. I was really
pleased to see you at the art therapy
group last week. Just as you were leaving
you mentioned that wanted to meet
with me, and we arranged an individual
appointment time. This letter is to confirm
that we made an arrangement to meet
at ZZZZZ ZZZZZ with ZZZZZ on the 17th
December 2023.

How do I know my records are kept confidential?

An official independent ethics group, which works outside CAMHS and the Trust, helps us make sure that CRIS keeps your medical records safe and confidential when used for research.

What types of things do you look into using this system?

CRIS helps us to look at real life situations on a large scale. This means it's easier to see patterns and trends – e.g. what works for some and doesn't for others.

We want to make sure that we look at all important aspects that influence a young person's life. We do this by gathering extra information such as details on your physical health or your school achievements and linking your anonymised clinical records to other health and education databases.

This information helps us answer questions such as how much school is missed when a young person develops depression? Or do school marks improve when a young person with ADHD gets extra mental health support?

In order to carry out data linkages, we sometimes need to share information such as your NHS number, name, and date of birth, with trusted third parties, such as NHS England who supply information on general hospital care.

Data linkage with external organisations is legally permitted by the Health Research Authority under Section 251 of the NHS Act 2006. This approval enables temporary use of identifiers for accurate linkage. This is always done in a secure environment. Once records have been linked, all identifiable information is destroyed and the data are fully anonymised prior to it being used for any research. **Patients who have chosen to opt out via the NHS National Opt-Out system are excluded from these linkages.**

Visit www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters for more details

To find out more about additional information we use on CRIS please visit: www.maudsleybrc.nihr.ac.uk/cris-data-linkages.