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# It’s time to have your say on the use of NHS data for research

University Hospital Southampton is leading the development of the Wessex Secure Data Environment (Wessex SDE), a new online platform which will use NHS data to improve health outcomes and save lives.

Imagine life-saving treatments, quicker diagnoses, and breakthroughs in managing long-term conditions – all powered by NHS data. The Wessex SDE will make this a reality.

Built to the highest standards for safety and security of NHS data, the Wessex SDE will enable large amounts of de-identified NHS patient data to be safely stored, linked together and made accessible to researchers to improve services and treatments.

By linking different types of data, researchers can ask bigger questions and gain new insights. This will drive discovery of new treatments and make the health and care system more efficient, effective and safe.

The team wants to hear from people across Wessex and is inviting everyone to join a public conversation on Improving Tomorrow’s Health.

What matters most to you about how your NHS data is used? What kind of research projects should the Wessex SDE support with your de-identified data? How involved do you want to be in decisions? To share your views and be part of the conversation, go to [WessexSDE.nhs.uk/have-your-say](http://www.wessexsde.nhs.uk/have-your-say) today.

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# Have your say on the use of NHS data for research

The Wessex Secure Data Environment (Wessex SDE) is an NHS platform that safely stores and links patient data to support groundbreaking health and care research. Imagine faster diagnoses, life-saving treatments, and innovative healthcare all powered by this data.

The team, led by University Hospital Southampton, want to know what people across Wessex think about the project and are inviting everyone to share their views as part of a public conversation on Improving Tomorrow’s Health. Go to [WessexSDE.nhs.uk/have-your-say](http://www.wessexsde.nhs.uk/have-your-say) today to take part.