

Screening Programmes

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

How we use your personal information

(sometimes called personal data)

It is important that you understand how we use your personal information. Please read this card and let us know straight away if you have any questions or concerns.

As you are registered with a GP, you are entitled to Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) screening as part of the NHS programme in England. To help us offer a safe and effective screening service, we record information about you and about your visit to the screening clinic in our computer system (the National AAA Screening System). This information includes your responses to questions about your health, images of your aorta and measurements that we record at the clinic.

We ask your permission:

1. To store and keep information about you and your visit to the screening clinic on the National AAA Screening System and to use this information to help us offer safe and effective screening
2. To screen you for an Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (which involves an ultrasound scan of your abdomen) and to inform you of the result
3. If you are found to have an AAA, to share your personal information with a vascular surgeon through the National Vascular Registry (NVR)
4. To contact you, asking whether you will allow us to use your personal information for research purposes

Please note, we can only screen you if you agree to points 1, 2 and 3 above.

Your personal information will only be used by the NHS AAA Screening Programme. It will not be passed on to third parties other than healthcare professionals directly involved in screening or any subsequent investigations and treatment. As a national NHS screening programme, we are required to record statistics and may also contribute to research linked to abdominal aortic aneurysms or screening programmes. If your data is used for these purposes, we will not identify any of your personal details other than where there is a clear legal basis.

If you choose not to take up this offer of screening, we will keep a record to demonstrate that we have contacted you, and we may let your GP know that you have not been screened. We also share personal information with the Vascular Society of Great Britain and Ireland so that we can monitor mortality from AAA disease and improve the effectiveness of the screening programme.

If you have any concerns or queries about how your information is used or stored, please let us know before you are screened.

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