

## Information for Research Participants

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Thank you for agreeing to participate in the research project. Your participation in this research is voluntary, and you may change your mind about being involved in the research at any time, and without giving a reason.

This information sheet is 2 pages long and is designed to give you full details of the research project, its goals, the research team, the research funder, and what you will be asked to do as part of the research. If you have any questions that are not answered by this information sheet, please ask.

What is the research project called?

Big Medical Data Use in Primary Care: an ethnographic, socio-technical, investigation of challenges and opportunities

Who is carrying out the research?

The study is carried out by Dr Paraskevas Vezyridis under the supervision of Dr Stephen Timmons at Nottingham University Business School.

It is funded by the European Commission via an Individual Fellowship to the researcher.

It has been reviewed and approved by the EC Research Executive Agency and the Nottingham University Business School Research Ethics Committee.

What is the research about?

The purpose of the study is to identify the challenges and opportunities from the analysis of Big Medical Data in Primary Care.

We want to explore organisation members' experiences and perceptions from their involvement in the collection, processing or analysis of electronic patient records.

What groups of people have been asked to take part, and why?

You are invited to take part in this research project because you are a member of an organisation involved in big medical data analytics in primary care.

What will research participants be asked to do?

If you choose to take part in this research you will be interviewed about your views on Big Medical Data Analytics by the researcher. This interview will last up to one hour and will be arranged in an appropriate to you time.

You will be asked to sign the consent form. The researcher will then get in touch with you to arrange a suitable time to meet. For the interview, please feel free to make notes to remind yourself of certain details if you wish, but please don't write a word-for-word script as the information is usually more useful if it is more spontaneous and relaxed.

With your consent, the interview will be digitally audio-recorded. Once the researcher has transcribed the digital audio file, it will then be destroyed.

There are no reimbursements or other benefits for you in taking part in this research.

Possible disadvantages of taking part are that you will need to set aside the time to talk to the researcher. There is also the possibility that when describing your experience and views you might directly refer to management practices and/or comment about

colleagues.

What will happen to the information I provide?

All information that is collected about you during the course of this research (including the interview) will be kept strictly confidential. Any information about you will be anonymised so that you cannot be recognised from it.

When the research is published no one will be able to link the views expressed with you personally. Direct quotes may be used when the researcher presents the research outputs, but no one will know who said them.

All collected information will be maintained and analysed within the premises of the University of Nottingham, following strict guidelines of data storage and retention.

All data will be destroyed in a secure manner upon completion of the study and publication of research outputs.

What will be the outputs of the research?

The outputs of this research will be written up and submitted to academic journals or academic publishing companies for future publications as articles or book chapters. They will also be presented at relevant conferences.

### **Contact details**

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### **Complaint procedure**

If you wish to complain about the way in which the research is being conducted or have any concerns about the research then in the first instance please contact the Dr Paraskevas Vezyridis or Dr Stephen Timmons.

Or contact the School's Research Ethics Officer:

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