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POSNOC - A randomised trial of armpit (axilla) treatment for women with early stage breast cancer

DATA TRANSPARENCY STATEMENT

If you are taking part in the POSNOC study, this statement describes how your data is being used and are being stored. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your involvement in the study.

The purpose of the POSNOC study is to see whether adjuvant therapy treatments are as beneficial as adjuvant therapy treatments plus armpit treatment. It will also consider acceptability to patients and value for money. The results of the study will inform national guidelines about the best way to treat women who have had surgery for breast cancer.

University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust is the sponsor for this study and it is managed by the Nottingham Clinical Trials Unit, part of the University of Nottingham - both based in the United Kingdom. Nottingham Clinical Trials Unit will be using information from you and your medical records in order to undertake this study and will act as the data controller for this study. This means that we are responsible for looking after your information and using it properly. The sponsors will keep identifiable information about you at least five years after completion of the trial.

Your rights to access, change or move your information are limited, as we need to manage your information in specific ways in order for the research to be reliable and accurate. If you withdraw from the study, we will keep the information about you that we have already obtained. To safeguard your rights, we will use the minimum personally identifiable information possible.

You can find out more about how we use your information here:

- University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust (Sponsor) https://www.uhdb.nhs.uk/research-how-we-use-your-information
- Nottingham Clinical Trials Unit, University of Nottingham https://www.nctu.ac.uk/about-us/data-protection.aspx

Everyone that took part in the POSNOC study was asked to sign a Consent Form. As a reminder, you provided signed, written consent for your personal data to be accessed by both the

University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust and Nottingham Clinical Trials Unit. Your NHS hospital will collect information from you and your medical records for this research study in accordance with our instructions, and pass this information on to the study team at the Nottingham Clinical Trials Unit.

Your NHS hospital will use your NHS number, hospital number and contact details to contact you about the research study, and make sure that relevant information about the study is recorded for your care, and to oversee the quality of the study.

Individuals from University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust, Nottingham Clinical Trials Unit and regulatory organisations may look at your medical and research records to check the accuracy of the research study.

The POSNOC study will collect information about you for research purposes from NHS England (formerly known as NHS Digital), Office of National Statistics (ONS) and other relevant bodies to provide information about your health status. NHS England is an organisation that collects health and care data from NHS hospitals in England and Wales.

The study team will provide NHS England with your NHS number, date of birth and unique trial ID number to allow us to link to the data held by NHS England. NHS England will transfer data back to the University of Nottingham and University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Trust regarding any hospital admissions and appointments over the study period, plus information about any further cancer diagnoses and survival.

The data transferred back to the University of Nottingham and University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Trust will be identified by your trial ID number only. Data transfer will be using a secure, encrypted procedure.

Your NHS hospital will keep identifiable information about you from this study at least five years after completion of the trial. When you agree to take part in a research study, the information about your health and care may be provided to researchers running other research studies in this organisation and in other organisations. These organisations may be universities, NHS organisations or companies involved in health and care research in this country or abroad. Your information will only be used by organisations and researchers to conduct research in accordance with the UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research. Your information could be used for research in any aspect of health or care, and could be combined with information about you from other sources held by researchers, the NHS or government. Where this information could identify you, the information will be held securely with strict arrangements about who can access the information. The information will only be used for the purpose of health and care research, or to contact you about future opportunities to participate in research. It will not be used to make decisions about future services available to you, such as insurance. Where there is a risk that you can be identified your data will only be used in research that has been independently reviewed by an ethics committee.