

## Entering a New Era of Research Participation

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## Aim

- Members of the public and patients repeatedly indicate their willingness to take part in research.
- Opportunities for participation are often limited to being directly approached for specific projects.
- Current UK research governance frameworks limit researcher contact with participants.

## **Background**

- REACH West is a research participation register.
- Members of the public consent to be contacted to take part in future research
- Eligibility will be identified by linkage to participants' medical records.



"I can see that it [the register] "I have had a good service out of the NHS, I am one of these that would make things much easier also believe in trying to put back in terms of picking up on them what I have got out of society and [participants] at some later time if it helps the next person whatever even if this is a project that has is wrong with me hopefully it will not been developed at the time help the next generation or the they consent" next person even" Clinician focus group P6

Participants consent to REACH West either online or via paper consent

Participants consent to the linkage of their medical records and recontact for future eligible research

REACH West link to the participants medical records via the appropriate **NHS Trust** 

Records will be updated every 6 months and HSCIC will provide mortality, cancer and NHS status

Participants' details will be stored on the secure REACH West database

Participants are given a unique ID number and information will stay with the Trust's firewall systems

Researchers can apply to REACH West for recruitment or anonymised data

The steering committee will review all applications. Ethical approval must be in place prior to application

**REACH West will contact participants** about studies for which they are deemed eligible

Participants can choose whether or not to take part in any study which they are approached about

If participants wish to take part, REACH West will pass their contact details onto the project researcher

Participants involved in a study will not be contacted about other projects until the initial study is completed

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