

What the NDTRS means for you

If you attend a treatment service for an alcohol, drug or similar problem, your information may be recorded by the National Drug Treatment Reporting System (NDTRS) to support planning and delivery of treatment services. Read more about what this means for you below.

What is the NDTRS?

The NDTRS is a national database that records information about people who need treatment for alcohol or drug problems, or other addictions such as gambling or gaming. It also records information about people who need treatment because they are affected by the alcohol or drug use of someone close to them. It is managed by the Health Research Board (HRB).

How does the NDTRS work?

Your service provider collects information by asking you (or your parent or guardian) questions about your alcohol, drug or other addiction. They record this information in the secure NDTRS database, where it is stored and used to help plan and provide addiction services.

What information does the NDTRS record?

Your name and address is only kept by your service provider. The NDTRS records other personal data (like your service user number or date of birth), and details about your addiction and the treatment you receive.

Why does the NDTRS record this information?

This information is used to help plan and improve services so that people can get the help they need. Any research done using this information will not include your name or address or identify you in any way.

Who can see this information?

Only staff from your service provider and HRB staff with special permissions can see this information. Your personal information is not shared with any other Government body unless there is a legal reason to do so.

How is this information protected?

By law, your information must be protected to make sure it is not lost or misused. This means only people who have been given password-protected access can see it, and checks are carried out to ensure it is secure.



Who can I contact to find out more?

If you want to know more about how your information is used and your rights to your information, please contact your local service provider or the HSE's Data Protection Officer (dpo@hse.ie) or the HRB's Data Protection Officer (dpo@hrb.ie). More details are available on the HRB website: www.hrb.ie