

A Guide to the National Drug Treatment Reporting System

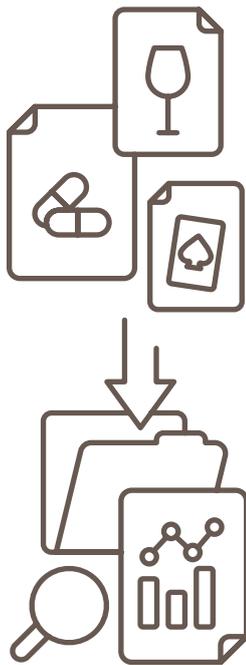
What is the National Drug Treatment Reporting System (NDTRS)



It is a database. It collects and stores information

The Health Research Board manages the database

The NDTRS collects information



about people who get
drug or alcohol treatment

about people who get
treatment for other
problems, for example
gambling

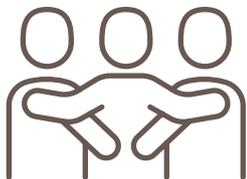
about people who need
treatment because of
the drug or alcohol use
of their family

What is treatment

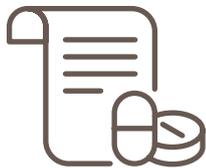
Examples of treatment are



counselling



group therapy



medication

Why is the NDTRS needed

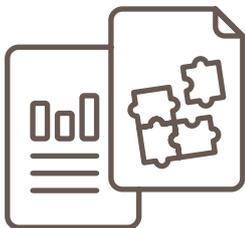


To help plan services



To organise services

To get funding for services



To do research to improve services

How does the NDTRS work



You will be asked questions at your assessment



With your permission, your information is put into the database



Only your service sees your name and address

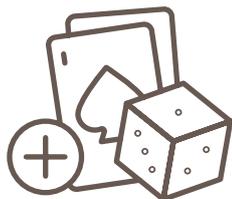
What information is held on the NDTRS



Personal information for example date of birth and gender



If you needed treatment for alcohol, drugs or both



Any other **problems** for example gambling



What treatment you received

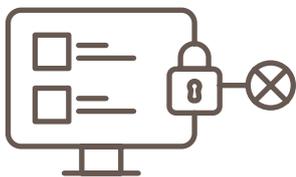
Who will see my information



Staff at your service



Database staff with special permission

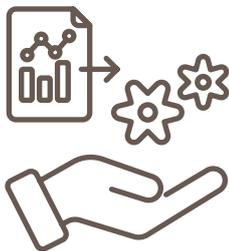


Your personal information is not shared with any other Government departments unless there is a legal reason

How is the information used



To help understand how well services are working



To help understand and fund what other supports might be needed

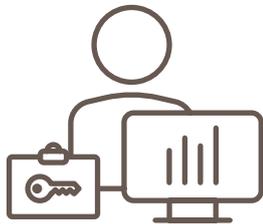


For research on addiction

How is my information protected



The database is password protected

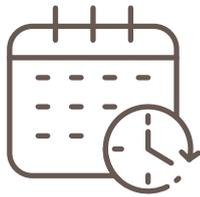


Only people with permission can see or use your information



You cannot be identified in any reports

How long will the information be kept on the Reporting System



Your information will be kept as long as you use your service



After you stop using the service it will be kept for 8 years and then deleted



Information that does not have your name and address is kept to help with research

What are my rights



You can request a copy of your information from your service



Covered by Data Protection and Freedom of Information

**If you need more information,
please ask the staff at your service**

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