

NHS Grampian

Privacy Notice

The National Elective Coordination Unit

What is the National Elective Coordination Unit (NECU)?

The National Elective Coordination Unit (NECU) is a formal part of NHS Scotland which is hosted by the Golden Jubilee National Health Board. Its role is to match available elective care capacity across NHS Scotland to those who most need it by matching waiting lists with available capacity in Scotland's hospitals.

What is happening to my information?

If you are part of a waiting list which is undergoing validation via NECU or are part of a patient cohort being analysed to see if there is available capacity to treat you elsewhere in NHS Scotland then details such as your name, address, phone number and email address, clinical speciality and proposed procedure may be passed securely to NECU by NHS Grampian. NECU may use these details to contact you either directly or via a secure Software System which may send you SMS text messages.

If, and only if, a clinical validation is required, additional clinical information may be passed to NECU to allow this to happen.

Data controller

NHS Grampian is the data controller for your information. When it is shared with other parts of the NHS in Scotland, those Health Boards will also control the information shared. This is governed by the Intra-NHS Scotland Information Sharing Accord. All Health Boards are subject to the same obligations around the protection of your data.

Lawful processing

The processing of your data is further to the official authority of the Health Boards and a task in the public interest (ie the provision of your care). Concerning your health records and other special categories of personal data, processing is lawful for the purposes of the provision of health or social care and the management of the health and social care system.

Your rights

If you wish to update, access, erase, or limit or complain about the use of your personal data please let our Data Protection Officer know contacting Information Governance -

gram.infogovernance@nhs.scot - or 01224 551549. You may also wish to contact the Information Commissioner's Office - <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/raising-concerns/> or seek to enforce your rights through judicial remedy.