

## **SOMERSET LIVER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

This GP surgery works with specialists at Somerset NHS Foundation Trust (Musgrove Park Hospital) to help find people at risk of liver problems. Minor changes in blood tests can predict future issues, so the teams in Somerset are using previous blood tests to improve treatment and help prevent liver disease. We know that the earlier liver disease is found the more we can do to help treat it.

### **What does this mean for you?**

Normally a specialist would look at your blood tests when you are referred to their clinic. For this project however, information from your past blood tests may be looked at by a local hospital liver specialist even if you have not been referred, and if they think you could benefit from a review of your liver health, they will contact you.

### **Are there any risks for you?**

Your identifiable blood test results and data will remain within the local NHS, and only NHS clinicians can access it. There is a chance that this programme could detect signs of undiagnosed conditions, and this could be worrying – but the specialists will make a timely appointment to explain any issues and plan any treatment.

### **Opting out of this work**

The 'National Data Opt Out' (NDOO) allows people to stop their information being used for research and planning. However, the work we are doing here is focussed on finding patients for treatment, and it has been agreed as part of the approval process that the NDOO doesn't apply to this work.

If any future research is proposed that would use your information, the National Data Opt Out would be applied at that stage. More information can be found here: <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out>

If you would rather local doctors not review your records for the purpose of finding liver disease earlier, you can ask for your blood tests to be excluded from the review. To do that, you can go to the website by scanning the QR code below – or use the following contact details:

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### **What do you need to do?**

No action is needed by you right now. If your GP refers you to a specialist you should go to see them anyway, and not rely on this blood test review. If needed, we will contact you.

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