

The GoActive Study – Privacy notice

The information published here applies to the use of your information as part of the GoActive Study coordinated by the University of Cambridge. This study is being run by a research team based at the MRC Epidemiology Unit and the Centre for Diet and Activity Unit, School of Clinical Medicine, University of Cambridge.

1. Who will process my personal information?

The University of Cambridge is the data controller of any data that is collected as part of the GoActive study by the research team in Cambridge.

Further information about the University's data protection policy, and about how the University uses your personal data as a research participant, can be found at: <https://www.information-compliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/data-protection/research-participant-data>

2. What information do we collect?

The research team collected information about you when you originally assented to take part in our study at the beginning of year 9, and again at our follow-up time points at T2, T3 and T4 that have occurred throughout year 9 and year 10.

We have collected information about your health and wellbeing through the use of questionnaires, anthropometric measures and physical activity data through wrist-worn accelerometry devices. Some of you may also have been involved in focus groups where we have collected data about your experiences with the GoActive study, and collected information about how many times you have participated in GoActive activities by logging points on the GoActive website.

3. How we use the information we collect

We collect personal (identifiable) information about you so we can ensure that the data we collect is from students whose parents have provided consent and you have provided assent at the start of the study, and that all of the information we collect is stored under the correct allocated study ID number.

The data that we collect from you over the course of the GoActive study will help to evaluate whether the GoActive intervention has been beneficial and potentially help to advise policies surrounding activity levels in adolescents. The data will also help us better understand if and why physical activity levels may or may not decrease in adolescents, and how best to approach reversing the negative effects that are associated with lower physical activity levels.

Collecting this data is necessary for the research we carry out in the public interest.

4. Sharing your information

We will not share your personal identifiable data with anyone outside of the research team. The only exception to this will be if we have any safeguarding concerns. As with anyone else who works with children, we have a responsibility in relation to safeguarding children, which includes a duty to disclose to our school contact teacher and/or the relevant authorities any instance of reasonable evidence of non-accidental child suffering. This would not occur without prior consultation with our trained clinical staff.

Where we audio record any of the activities, these will be sent to an outside transcription company to type up the content of the recordings. No identifiable data will accompany the recordings but the

recording itself may include references to people's names. Information transferred between us and the transcription team will be subject to the same high standard of data security and confidentiality as all our research data. Apart from the transcription team, no one will have access to the recording except members of the research team at the University of Cambridge.

Anonymised datasets generated during and/or analysed during the GoActive study may be shared with other researchers but only through a formal data request process and with appropriate ethical approvals.

5. Keeping your data confidential and safe

Any personal data we hold is kept securely at the MRC Epidemiology Unit on a password protected isolated network drive, in other words not connected to the internet or outside world. This network is tightly controlled with access only given to appropriate approved individuals including the study team.

All other data collected about you (such as answers to questionnaires) is coded with a unique identity number that is held separately from any identifiable data we hold.

When we publish results from our research, including quotations from interviews, they will be reported so that no individual can be identified.

Your data will be kept for a minimum of 15 years after the end of the study, in line with the Medical Research Council (MRC) policies. The need to keep holding your data after study formal closure will be reviewed regularly, as well as its pseudonymisation in line with Data Protection requirements.

How to contact us

If you have any questions about the study, the information we hold about you or if you would like to opt out of the study please contact us on:

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