

PRIVACY NOTICE

Introduction

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) harmonises data protection and privacy legislation across Europe. It is designed to ensure that personal information is accurate, appropriate, and properly managed to protect peoples' privacy. This research complies with legislation and here we summarise how we do this. This website provides information about Game of Stones research, an opportunity to sign up to join the study and detailed information for men who have already joined. It includes any information you provide via the website or if you contact us by email, phone, text or in writing. The research team will never share your information with third parties. This website is developed and managed by the University of Aberdeen for the purpose of undertaking publicly funded research for public benefit. No cookies are used.

Are you interested in signing up via this website?

If you are interested in taking part in Game of Stones you can provide your contact details on this website. Researchers will then contact you to tell you more about the research and to answer any questions you may have. You can then decide whether or not to take part. If you decide to take part, you can change your mind at any time.

Will my information be kept confidential?

Yes. Any information that you give us will be kept confidential and will be stored securely on password protected computers and in locked filing cabinets at the participating Universities (Aberdeen, Belfast, Bristol, Glasgow Caledonian, Stirling and Dundee). More information about the researchers involved in this study is available at <https://www.nmahp-ru.ac.uk/research/projects/game-of-stones/>

Who has reviewed Game of Stones?

Game of Stones has been reviewed by the North of Scotland (2) Research Ethics Committee. <https://www.hra.nhs.uk/about-us/committees-and-services/res-and-recs/search-research-ethics-committees/north-scotland-research-ethics-committee-2/>

How will we use information about you?

Research staff employed by Universities will use this information to do the research which is for public benefit. Sometimes authorities check records to make sure that the research is being done properly. People who do not need to know who you are will not be able to see your name or contact details. Your information will have a code number instead. We will keep all information about you safe and secure. Once we have finished the research, we will keep some of the information so we can check the results. Data is stored data for 10 years after the end of the study. We will write reports of the research in a way that no-one can work out that you took part. The University of Stirling is the sponsor for this study.

What are your choices about how your information is used?

If you sign up and join Game of Stones, you will be given detailed information and an opportunity to discuss taking part with a member of the research team. You can stop being part of the research at any time, without giving a reason. Just contact the research team.

We need to manage your information in specific ways for scientific research to be reliable. This means that we won't be able to let you see or change the data we hold about you.

Where can you find out more about how your information is used?

You can find out more about how we use your information by asking a member of the research team. More information on how information is used in research can be obtained from www.hra.nhs.uk/patientdataandresearch.

If you would like more information about your data protection rights and details of how to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office about how your personal data has been handled please see the [Your Data Matters](#) webpage.

How do I contact you?

For more information you can phone a member of the research team on 01786 467491, email at gameofstones@stir.ac.uk or visit the Game of Stones website www.gameofstonesresearch.com.

If you would like to speak to a University member of staff independent to the research please contact Jayne Donaldson by phone 07904635881, email fhss.dean.pa@stir.ac.uk or by post: 4B157, University of Stirling, Stirling FK9 44A.