

## ECDC CORPORATE DOCUMENT

# Privacy statement – Processing of personal data for the study 'Genomic surveillance of antimicrobial resistant *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* 2020'

## 1. Purpose of the processing operation

ECDC processes the personal data collected in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. The purpose of the processing is to analyse genome data of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* strains together with epidemiological data in order to gather information on the geographical and temporal distribution patterns of public-health-relevant strains in the EU/EEA region, including associations between genotype, antimicrobial resistance and patient characteristics.

## 2. Identity of the data controller

The data controller is: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), Gustav III Boulevard 40, 16973 Solna, Sweden, Disease Programmes (DPR), Air-Borne, Blood-Borne and Sexually Transmitted Infections (ABS). Email: [stihivhep@ecdc.europa.eu](mailto:stihivhep@ecdc.europa.eu)

Your personal data are processed in joint controllership with:

Not applicable

Please note that as the main controller ECDC is responsible for processing requests to exercise the rights of data subjects under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 and providing information on the data processing operation.

## 3. Legal basis for the processing

The legal basis for the processing operation is:

- Article 5 (1) (a): the processing is necessary for performance of tasks in the public interest attributed by Union or Member State legislation;
- ECDC Founding Regulation 851/2004, specifically Articles 3 and 11.

## 4. Categories of personal data collected

The categories of data collected and used for the processing operations are the following:

- Gender
- Country of birth
- Age, place of residence of patient
- Pathogen genome sequence.

The provision of the personal data is not mandatory.

The data will not be processed for the purposes of automated decision-making, including profiling.

## 5. Who has access to your information and to whom is it disclosed?

The recipients of the data are the following:

- ECDC staff and personnel
- EU institutions and bodies (e.g. European Commission, other agencies)
- ECDC contractors, suppliers and tenderers.

## 6. For how long do we keep your data?

ECDC will retain the data for as long as necessary.

## 7. How do we protect and safeguard your information?

In order to protect your personal data, a number of technical and organisational measures have been put in place. The technical measures include appropriate actions to address online security, risk of data loss, alteration of data or unauthorised access, taking into consideration the risk presented by the processing and the nature of the data being processed. Organisational measures include restricting access to authorised persons with a legitimate need to know for the purposes of this processing operation.

## 8. What are your rights and how can you exercise them?

The controller may be contacted at any time by the data subjects to exercise the right of access, rectify, block, erase, transmit or object to the processing of the data. Where the legal basis for the processing is consent, this consent can be withdrawn at any time. Since individuals cannot be uniquely identified by ECDC or its contractors from pathogen sequence data and from the linked epidemiological data, requests from these data subjects will be referred to the relevant national authority that provided the isolates or sequences, as they may be able to retrieve the information.

The controller can be contacted at the following email address: [stihivhep@ecdc.europa.eu](mailto:stihivhep@ecdc.europa.eu).

Data subjects can request the deletion of their personal data by the data controller, who will do so within 30 working days.

Data subjects can also contact the ECDC Data Protection Officer (DPO) in case of any difficulties or for any questions relating to the processing of their personal data.

Exceptions based on Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 may apply.