

FOI 23/862

Dear

Thank you for your information request, dated 3rd November 2023, where you asked:

"I have a question related to the data protection on the clinical practice research datalink.

Were data are stored?

Are there stored on cloud?

If yes, is it possible to know in which server?

I am trying to understand how data storage works in different databases."

I am pleased to provide you with some of the information requested, see below.

"Are there stored on cloud?"

I can confirm that CPRD data are stored on the cloud.

Unfortunately, some of the information is exempt from release under section 31:

"Were data are stored?"

"If yes, is it possible to know in which server?"

If this information was released, it could prejudice the prevention of crime, or its release could help criminals to commit crimes.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date you receive this response and addressed to: info@mhra.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you were to remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you would have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please bear in mind that the Information Commissioner will not normally review our handling of your request unless you have first contacted us to conduct an internal review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely,

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