

VIVALDI Study

Information for Care Home Staff

What is the VIVALDI Study?

The VIVALDI study is a national government-funded research project led by the University College London (UCL) and supported by your care home. The aim of the study is to find out how many care home staff and residents have been infected with COVID-19, how the infection spreads and how effective the COVID-19 vaccines are.

Why is this study important?

The COVID-19 pandemic has severely affected care homes, but we still lack information about what care homes can do to stop infections. We also need to monitor how well vaccines are working in residents and staff. Our research results are regularly fed back to the government and to public health agencies so that they can make the best decisions about how to protect care homes from infection.

What information will you collect?

We will be collecting information that is already being collected by the NHS. This includes your COVID-19 swab test results, vaccinations, hospital admissions, and any deaths from your care home. We do NOT collect any identifiable information, such as

names, dates of birth, NHS numbers and address. For more details on what data we will collect and where we will collect it from, please see the accompanied [data sharing information sheet](#).

Will you be able to see any of my personal information?

No – your personal information will not be visible to the VIVALDI researchers. We will collect information that is already being collected from the NHS. As part of their routing processing of swab results and vaccination records, NHS England remove all identifiable information (e.g., names, dates of birth, NHS numbers and address) before we receive any data. This is completed in line with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018. For more details on how your personal information is removed, please see the accompanied [data sharing information sheet](#).

Who has approved this study?

The ways in which the VIVALDI study will use your information has been reviewed by the Confidentiality Advisory Group (CAG) which is a part of the Health Research Authority (HRA). CAG are responsible for reviewing the plans for studies in health and social care that use data they have been collected without consent. They make sure these studies are ethical and protect and promote the interests of the patients and public.

Do I need to have any extra tests because I work in a care home that is taking part in this study?

No - you will NOT need to have any extra tests other than those that are already being carried out as part of the national testing programme or outbreak testing.

What are the benefits of taking part in the study?

By taking part in the VIVALDI Study, you will be helping us answer important questions about the COVID-19 infection and how well the vaccines work in staff and residents in care homes. This will help us prevent and reduce infections, hospital admissions and deaths from COVID-19 in care homes.

What will happen with the results of this study?

The results will be published in scientific and medical journals and presented at conferences attended by professionals with an interest in the area. All data will be anonymised before publication.

What should I do if I don't want my data to be included?

If you have any concerns or need more information about the study, please check our [full list of FAQs](#) and/or speak with your care home manager. If you still don't want us to use your non-identifiable information, you can opt-out of sharing your data through the [NHS National Data Opt-out](#) website.

FAQs

Please speak with your care home manager and they will provide you with our [full list of FAQs](#).

Useful Weblinks

For more information about the VIVALI study, please visit our **website**:

www.ucl.ac.uk/health-informatics/research/vivaldi-study

For a full list of VIVALDI study **publications**, follow this link:

www.ucl.ac.uk/health-informatics/research/vivaldi-study/vivaldi-publications

For a list of **summaries** of our results, designed in collaboration with members of the public, follow this link:

www.ucl.ac.uk/health-informatics/research/vivaldi-study/patient-and-public-involvement-ppi

For more information about **GDPR**, follow this link:

www.gov.uk/data-protection

For more information about **CAG**, follow this link:

www.hra.nhs.uk/about-us/committees-and-services/confidentiality-advisory-group/

For more information about the **HRA**, follow this link:

www.hra.nhs.uk/

For more information on how to **opt-out** of data sharing, follow this link:

www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/about-the-nhs/opt-out-of-sharing-your-health-records/

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