

## Child Information Leaflet

# A Guide to the National Joint Registry (NJR)



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Working for patients, driving forward quality

This leaflet is all about the work of the National Joint Registry and why we are very thankful that patients just like you agree to add their information. **Today 9 out of 10 people choose to add their information to the NJR.** Read on below to find out why:

### Q. What is the National Joint Registry?

**A.** The NJR is an organisation that collects patient information to help fix problems with joints in the body. We were set up in 2003 by the Department of Health.

### Q. Why do we collect this information?

**A.** We use the information to make sure doctors and the implants they put in are working OK. This system tells us early if there are any possible issues we should look out for. The more information that we have the better our chances of ensuring everybody receives safe care and better health outcomes.

### Q. What personal information does the NJR collect?

**A.** We keep track of your full name, date of birth, postcode, height and weight and NHS number. This helps us to identify you in the future and join the dots with other healthcare information collections.

### Q. Does that mean you share my information with other organisations?

**A.** Yes. It may be joined together with information from other healthcare sources. This means that we can make the same information work twice as hard. Your information is kept safe through NJR's strict guidelines for secure information sharing. With your permission it could also be shared with researchers to work out better treatments.

### Q. How is my information collected?

**A.** Your parent or guardian will consent for your details to be recorded at the time of your operation.

### Q. Do I have to sign up?

**A.** No. If you don't want your details to be kept that is ok too. But if you do and at any time you want to withdraw your consent, you can just write to us or email us using the contact information below.

### Q. What about when I turn 18?

**A.** We'll be in touch again to check you want us to keep your information. We hope you'll remain with us. Remember, it's all about your safety as a patient and improving health outcomes for all.

### Q. Where can I find out more?

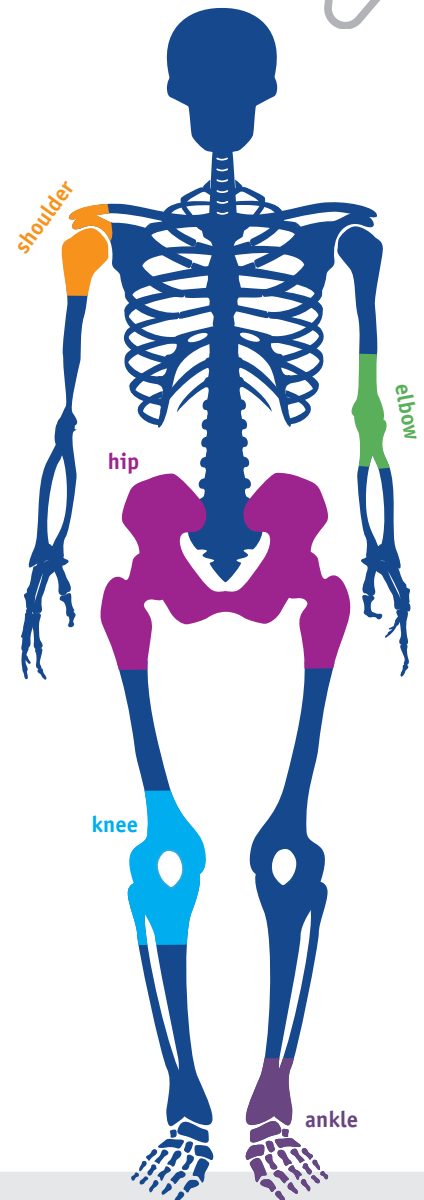
**A.** Please visit the NJR website [www.njrcentre.org.uk](http://www.njrcentre.org.uk)

If you have any questions you can contact someone at the NJR Service Centre:

Telephone on **0845 345 9991** or email: [enquiries@njrcentre.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@njrcentre.org.uk)

**Thanks for learning all about the NJR.**

Hi, I'm Wenlock, the NJR mascot!



### Did you know...

that if everyone's NJR information was printed out on A4 paper then stacked up, the paper would be around 304 metres tall?

**That is almost as tall as 'The Shard', which is the tallest building in the UK!**

**Remember, all the information is helping to improve health outcomes for all, so thank you!**