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## Consent Form D: Cancer and death records

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Data will be used by the ELSA Research Team consisting of researchers at University College London (UCL), Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), University of Manchester, and NatCen Social Research under restricted access arrangements which make sure that the information is used responsibly and safely.

Only NatCen Social Research, whose interviewers conduct the ELSA interviews with you, will have access to information that can be used to identify you – like name and address. Basic information about the mortality status of ELSA cohort members will be made available for other researchers. Access to the full data for other qualified researchers can only be granted by the ELSA Research Team through a separate written application process that has been approved by NHS Digital. The information will be completely confidential and will be used for research purposes only by academic or policy researchers under restricted access arrangements.

As we would like to look at long term trends in people's health, we have not set a limit on how long we would like to keep your information. ELSA has been running since 2002 and is very valuable for looking at how people's health changes over time.

Please ask the interviewer about anything that concerns you or you can call the ELSA team on 0800 652 4574. You can cancel this permission at any time in the future by writing to: NatCen Social Research, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4LX.

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**I DECLARE** - I have read or heard this information and have had the opportunity to ask questions.

**I AUTHORISE** - NatCen Social Research passing my name, address, sex, date of birth and NHS Number to NHS Digital & NHS Digital to provide the ELSA Research Team (comprising researchers at UCL, IFS, University of Manchester and NatCen) with information about my cancer and death records.

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