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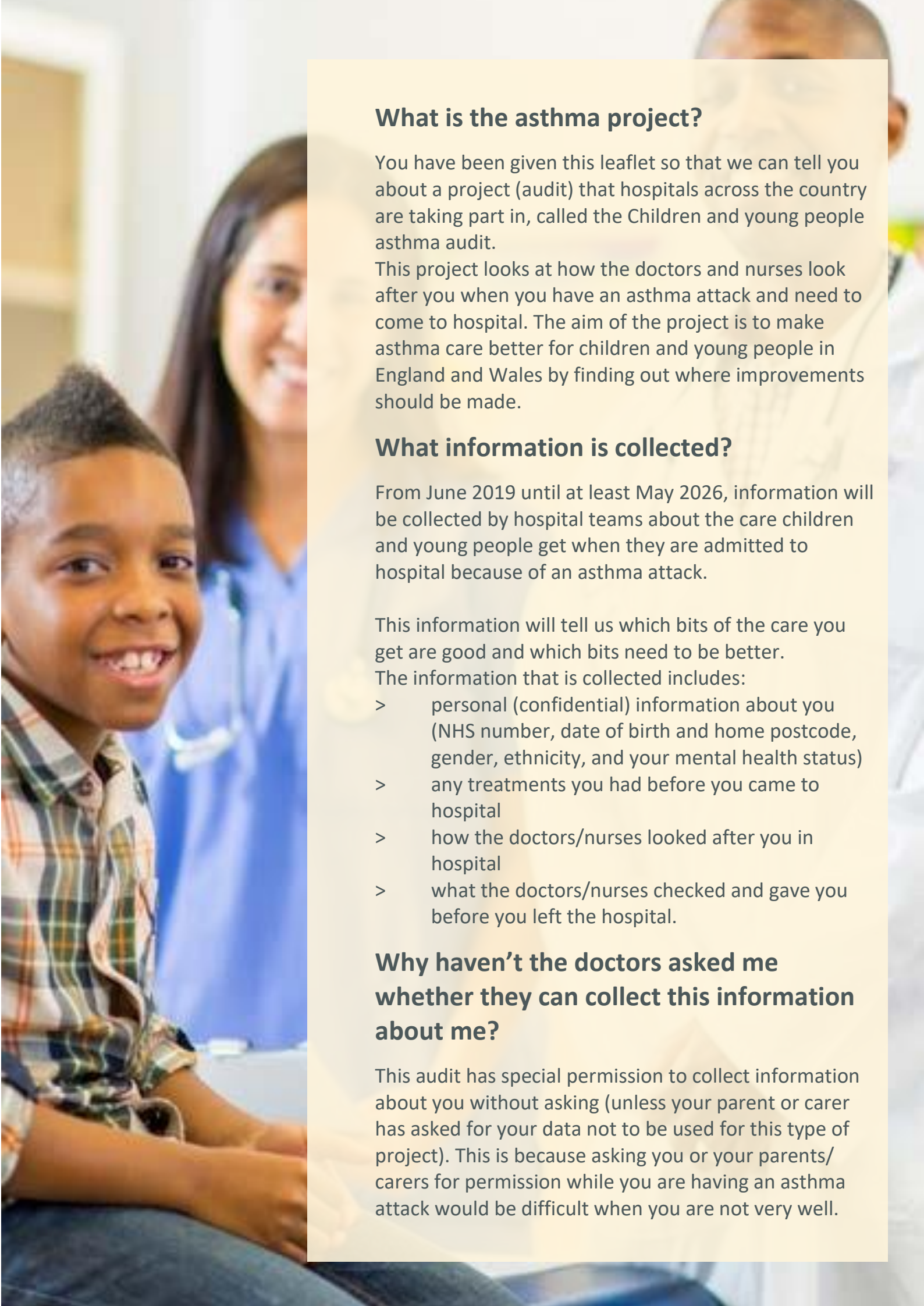
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The asthma project (audit) at your hospital

Information for children and young people aged 8+

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What is the asthma project?

You have been given this leaflet so that we can tell you about a project (audit) that hospitals across the country are taking part in, called the Children and young people asthma audit.

This project looks at how the doctors and nurses look after you when you have an asthma attack and need to come to hospital. The aim of the project is to make asthma care better for children and young people in England and Wales by finding out where improvements should be made.

What information is collected?

From June 2019 until at least May 2026, information will be collected by hospital teams about the care children and young people get when they are admitted to hospital because of an asthma attack.

This information will tell us which bits of the care you get are good and which bits need to be better.

The information that is collected includes:

- > personal (confidential) information about you (NHS number, date of birth and home postcode, gender, ethnicity, and your mental health status)
- > any treatments you had before you came to hospital
- > how the doctors/nurses looked after you in hospital
- > what the doctors/nurses checked and gave you before you left the hospital.

Why haven't the doctors asked me whether they can collect this information about me?

This audit has special permission to collect information about you without asking (unless your parent or carer has asked for your data not to be used for this type of project). This is because asking you or your parents/carers for permission while you are having an asthma attack would be difficult when you are not very well.



What happens to my information?

- Hospitals enter information into a database called a 'web tool'. A company called Crown Informatics looks after the database and keeps your information safe and secure.
- Crown Informatics removes your confidential information before sending the rest of the information to the project team to analyse and write reports about asthma care in hospitals in England and Wales.
- Hospitals get their own reports about how well they care for children and young people with asthma. Reports about this care will then be available online.
- Crown Informatics will also share your confidential information with other specific organisations.

For example, they will send your information to the part of the NHS that holds information about who has gone to hospital. They can gather more information about your health and care from them, and send this to us, with your confidential information removed. This helps us understand more about you and your health.

- The NHS, universities and other organisations might ask to use the project information for research or planning reasons to make care better. Normally this data will not contain information such as your date of birth or NHS number, but in very rare cases, we may need to share these, such as for statutory reasons. We will not share any of your data unless the appropriate legal, ethical and security arrangements are in place to keep your details safe and secure, and we will never publish information that could be used to identify you.



What if I don't want my information to be collected?

This project will work best if it includes information about as many children and young people as possible. However, you and your parents/carers can tell the hospital or NRAP team if you don't want your information to be collected. Saying this won't change how you are looked after in any way. You are helping doctors and nurses look after children with asthma by being part of this project – thank you for joining in.

Who is working on the asthma project?

The asthma project is part the National Respiratory Audit Programme. The short name for this is NRAP.

The NRAP team works at the Royal College of Physicians in London and Liverpool.

Do you have any questions?

You can ask a parent or carer to get in touch with the NRAP team.

Email: asthma@rcp.ac.uk

Phone: **020 3075 1526**

You can also find out more on the NRAP website: www.rcp.ac.uk/nrap

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