

## **The National Survey into Health Outcomes in the Electricity Supply Industry**

*Privacy Information* (v1.2, dated 13th August, 2018)

For many years papers have been published in the medical literature on causes of death and cancer diagnoses among some 84,000 employees of the former Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB). In recent years this work has been carried out by Professor Tom Sorahan at the University of Birmingham and any former CEGB employee who would like further information on the study or who would like to exercise their rights about data protection should contact Prof Sorahan by mail (Institute of Applied Health Research, University of B'ham, Edgbaston, B15 2TT) or by email ([T.M.Sorahan@bham.ac.uk](mailto:T.M.Sorahan@bham.ac.uk)). If you are not happy with your treatment, you should contact the University of Birmingham Information Compliance Manager (Ms Dawn Jeynes, [d.jeynes@bham.ac.uk](mailto:d.jeynes@bham.ac.uk)). The sole purpose of this study is to seek for any evidence of occupational exposures in the electricity supply industry being involved in health risks.

The lawful basis for the data processing that takes place with this study is article 6.1(e) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) namely that it is in the public interest, and the legitimate interest for the data processing is article 9.2(j) of the GDPR, namely that it is necessary for scientific research.

It is important to note that the study at the University no longer has any information on names, addresses, postcodes, NI numbers or NHS numbers. But it does have information on month and year of birth (not full date of birth), work histories (CEGB locations, job grades and dates), causes and dates of deaths and cancer incidence particulars (site of cancer and dates of diagnosis). This data on unnamed individuals is not shared with any third parties. It is intended to preserve these data at least until the end of 2033, in case the publication findings were queried or data was required by a Court of Law. The work history data were obtained many years ago from employer records and the health outcome data continue to be supplied by NHS Digital.

Any former CEGB employee who may be a member of this study and does not wish to remain in the study should contact Tom Sorahan who will arrange for their data to be deleted (this will be done by asking NHS Digital to supply the pseudo identifier for your name). There is no need to provide a reason. Similarly, if any former CEGB employee wishes to see what data the study holds on them, they should contact Tom Sorahan. It will probably take more than one month to retrieve this information, because it will be necessary to involve NHS Digital to identify the correct record.

This document will be reviewed annually.