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## FAQs

### **Project Leads**

- VOLCANO leads – Phoebe Cope (CST, Evelina), Sajeed Ali (ST4, Evelina)
- Consultant lead - Saravanakunmar Paramalingam

### **Who can participate as a data collector?**

- Any doctor or medical student involved in the surgical care of adolescent patients
- Each site can have a maximum of 3 data collectors

### **How do I register to participate in the study?**

- Please contact your centre's audit department to register this national service evaluation study
- A registration letter of support has been provided to assist in local audit registration
- Once local site approval has been secured, please complete the 'Survey of Participating Centres' document to register your centres participation in the study

### **When can I start collecting data?**

- Once local centre approval has been approved, and you have completed the 'Survey of Participating Centres' document you can start collecting data

### **Which patients should be included?**

- All adolescent patients (age 10 to 19 years) who underwent inguinal hernia repair between 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 and 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 should be included

### **Collaborative recognition**

- All data collectors who contribute to a complete data set for their site will receive collaborative authorship



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## Data Security

- Data collected will be non-identifiable data. Each site will be allocated a number sequence at the time of recruitment. No data sharing agreement is necessary as this is not research as per the HRA guidance (<https://www.hra-decisiontools.org.uk/research/>)
- Analysis will not identify individual patients or centres
- There is no need to involve the Caldicott guardian given the use of anonymous data

## Can I present my centres data locally?

- Yes you can present your data locally

## Where can I find study updates?

- Study updates will be communicated via email and PSTRN communications

## When will the results be published?

- The project leads will collate and analyse the data after all participating centres have completed their data collection
- Updates on project progress and publication plans will be shared with all collaborators

## Contact and support

- If you have any questions please contact Sajeed via [sajeed.ali4@nhs.net](mailto:sajeed.ali4@nhs.net) or Phoebe via [phoebe.cope@nhs.net](mailto:phoebe.cope@nhs.net)