



HEALTHCARE SAFETY  
INVESTIGATION BRANCH

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# HEALTHCARE SAFETY INVESTIGATION BRANCH (HSIB) MATERNITY INVESTIGATIONS

Information Protection and Security

# INVESTIGATION OF MATERNITY INCIDENTS BY HSIB

The Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch (HSIB) was established by an expert advisory group following recommendations from government inquiry into clinical incident investigations; our role is to undertake independent investigations into cases which meet our eligibility criteria.

One of the main priorities for HSIB is to work with trusts to gather information and understand what has happened. To do this we need to collect information relevant to the investigation. It is expected that such information will be uploaded to HSIBs Maternity Investigations Database and Support System (MIDAS). Unfortunately, HSIB cannot use individual systems based on individual provider requirements.

The following information will hopefully answer some of the queries you may have regarding information protection and security. For further information please visit our [website](#)

## USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT DATA SHARING

New user provision is handled by our Maternity Investigators working with you upon trust onboarding. Once names have been confirmed by you the Maternity Investigator will provide an access request document to HSIB IT for actioning. User access is linked to your contacts email identity, which is linked to a Microsoft online account. Two factor authentication is enforced for all external users.

## FIND OUT MORE

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Logical security segregation is enforced at a group level. A least privilege architecture is deployed to the group structure meaning users will only access data and records of relevance to their job role. Access requests are actioned only with the relevant approvals being granted. All access requests are logged centrally. To ensure all provisioned accounts are live and valid, and all other accounts are removed, account auditing is performed on a routine basis by HSIB IT and overseen by the Information Governance team.

MIDAS is proactively monitored for security events. All suspicious events are investigated in line with our information security reporting procedures.

MIDAS is designed and delivered from the Microsoft cloud. All data is held securely in UK data centers.

The MIDAS user interface is presented as a web portal. There is no direct interaction with any trust systems, only end user browser sessions.

Further information about transport layer encryption, encryption at rest and encryption mechanisms used can be found [here](#)



