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**Subject:** IMPORTANT Brexit & GDPR: For Attention of Research Principal Investigators

**RE: Brexit and Data Protection Reminder for HSE staff involved in Research.**

**HSE staff involved in Research activities requiring the transfer of personal data to a UK based entity (pharmaceutical sponsor, *academic/other collaborator(s), transcribing or analysis or other services...*) who still need to comply with the rules around the transfer of personal data have to take an urgent action.**

As you are aware, from 1 January 2021 any transfer of [personal data](#) to the UK will be treated as sharing data with a 'Third Country' outside of the European Union.

Transfers of personal data to the UK (*including transfer of personal data to a research consortium which includes one or more UK based collaborator(s) which will, through the research, access these personal data*) can continue, but must comply with specific Union rules and safeguards relating to the transfer of personal data to third countries.

If you have already signed a [EU Standard Contractual Clauses Agreement](#), as a standalone agreement or as an addition to an existing agreement (*Data Sharing Agreement, Data Transfer Agreement, Material Transfer Agreement, ...*), either separately with the UK-based organisation(s) or with the research consortium as whole, then no further action is required.

**Otherwise Principal Investigators must take urgent action to ensure that the appropriate arrangements are in place for 1 January 2021 for all relevant research projects that involve current or future sharing of personal data that is transferred, processed, stored or accessed by any company or organisation based in the UK., [you must follow the steps outlined here to ensure compliance.](#)**

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