

# Anonymised Data

## QMUL Policy

You can read more about collecting personal information here

The GDPR does not apply to personal data that has been anonymised.


## Recital 26 explains:

“...The principles of data protection should therefore not apply to anonymous information, namely information which does not relate to an identified or identifiable natural person or to personal data rendered anonymous in such a manner that the data subject is not or no longer identifiable. This Regulation does not therefore concern the processing of such anonymous information, including for statistical or research purposes.”

Anonymisation can therefore be a method of limiting your risk and a benefit to data subjects too. Anonymising data wherever possible is therefore encouraged.

If you have been granted permission to collect identifiable data you can designate these fields as **Identifiers** in REDCap. This will give you greater control over who can download and view this data. Access can then be controlled by configuring [User Rights](#).

**Add New Field**

You may add a new project field to this data collection instrument by completing the fields below and clicking the Save button at the bottom. When you add a new field, it will be added to the form on this page. For an overview of the different field types available, you may view the  [Field Types video \(4 min\)](#).

**Field Type:** Text Box (Short Text, Number, Date/Time, ...)

**Field Label**

 [How to use Piping](#)

**Action Tags / Field Annotation** (optional)

 [Learn about Action Tags](#) or [using Field Annotation](#)

**Variable Name** (utilized during data export)

**Enable auto naming of variable based upon its Field Label?**

ONLY letters, numbers, and underscores

**Validation?** (optional) --- None ---

– OR –

**Enable searching within a biomedical ontology** ?

**Required?\***  No  Yes

\* Prompt if field is blank

**Identifier?**  No  Yes

Does the field contain identifying information (e.g., name, SSN, address)?

**Custom Alignment** Right / Vertical (RV)

Align the position of the field on the page

**Field Note** (optional)

Small reminder text displayed underneath field