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The **N**Ational Trial of Tonsillectomy **I**N Adults: a clinical and cost effectiveness study

Supplemental Information regarding the General Data Protection Regulation

The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is the sponsor for this study based in the United Kingdom and will act as the “data controller” for this study. They are responsible for looking after your information and using it properly.

This study is managed on behalf of the sponsor by the Newcastle Clinical Trials Unit (NCTU) who will act as the “data processor”. As data processor, this means that NCTU are responsible for processing personal data on behalf of a controller. NCTU will be using information from you and your medical records in order to undertake this study, and will keep identifiable information about you for five years.

Your rights to access, change or move your information are limited, as we need to manage your information in specific ways in order for the research to be reliable and accurate. If you withdraw from the study, we will keep the information about you that we have already collected. To safeguard your rights, we will use the least amount of personally-identifiable information possible.

You can find out more about how we use your information at http://www.newcastle-hospitals.org.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information_how-we-use-information.aspx

To find out more about research and general use of patient information please refer to the Health Research Authority Website <https://www.hra.nhs.uk/information-about-patients/>

The local study team will use your name, date of birth, NHS number and contact details to contact you about the research study, and make sure that relevant information about the study is recorded for your care, and to oversee the quality of the study. Individuals from the sponsor, NCTU and regulatory organisations may look at your medical and research records to check the accuracy of the research study. The local study team will pass these details to the sponsor or the NCTU along with the information collected from you and your medical records. The only people from the sponsor and NCTU who will have access to information that identifies you will be people who need to contact you about the study or audit the data collection process. The

people who analyse the information will not be able to identify you and will not be able to find out your name, NHS number or contact details.

The local study team will keep identifiable information about you from this study for 5 years after the study has finished.

The sponsor and NCTU will collect information about you for this research from your medical records and GP practice. This information will include relevant health information relating to sore throats including visits to your GP, walk-in clinics and A&E, which is regarded as a special category of information. NCTU will use this information to support the information you have provided during the study regarding number of sore throats experienced.