 **Saint John of God Community Services clg**

At Saint John of God Community Services, We conduct research projects aimed to improve the lives of people affected by mental illness, both as a patient or as a carer or medical staff.

The suitability of any project is assessed and validated both by management and by the Research Ethics Committee, before the project starts.

In some instances, depending on the nature of the project, access to identifiable information may be required. Participation in these terms, is always voluntary and consent based.

Should it be required to identify any participants (or their data), you will be contacted with all relevant information on such research projects to allow you to make an informed decision on whether to participate.

Your decision bears no impact on the quality of services you are entitled to and will be provided with by Saint John of God Community Services clg.

**Notice**

**Retrospective Chart Reviews**

1. **Personal data is collected by the controller for the provision of health care to individuals and it is used in retrospective chart reviews.**

**Retrospective chart reviews may be used in the context of research.**

**They are only shared with authorised third parties and only when such data is anonymised.**

1. **Any findings from research, if published, will not identify an individual whose personal data was used in the study.**
2. **Any proposed research will be first reviewed and must be approved by a Research Ethics Committee prior to commencement of the study.**

The Research Ethics Committee is a body independent from Saint John of God Community Services clg.

You may exercise any of your rights by contacting the DPO - Saint John of God Community Services clg, Stillorgan, Co Dublin. Tel +353 1 533-3300 or e-mail: [dpocs@sjog.ie](mailto:dpocs@sjog.ie) . You may lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Commission. The website is www.dataprotection.ie