

# Health Information Research Unit (HIRU), Swansea University

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**Institution**

**Educational Institution**

## Institution identification

### Institution ID

6069

### Institution countries

☐ United Kingdom

### Type of institution

Educational Institution

### Institution website

<http://www.swansea.ac.uk/medicine/ils/healthinformationresearchunit/>

### ENCePP partner

No

## Institution description

The Health Information Research Unit (HIRU) for Wales is an initiative developed by Swansea University. The main aim of HIRU is to realise the potential of electronically held, person based, routinely collected information for the purposes of conducting and supporting health related research. HIRU works collaboratively with researchers and service professionals to conduct and support research and to improve service delivery. The core of HIRU's work is data linkage: bringing together person-level data drawn from operational and national systems and, using a novel anonymisation process, linking datasets together to form a rich information base. HIRU has established the Secure Anonymised Information Linkage (SAIL) system with over 5 billion anonymised person-based records, representing a valuable and unique resource for researchers. HIRU works closely with the West Wales registered clinical trials unit (UKCRC Clinical Research Collaboration no. 50).

## Institution details

**Experience with collecting data directly from individual patients or respondents:**

Yes

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**Interest in carrying out research that is funded by pharmaceutical companies:**

Yes

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