

# Use of client data in healthcare and social welfare services

**It is important that healthcare and social welfare professionals attending to your care have sufficient and up-to-date information about you at their disposal. The objective is client and patient safety and the best possible care and service. You can have a say in the use of your client and patient data.**

## Smooth flow of information guarantees best quality of care and services

Your client and patient data is saved in the Kanta Services. Public and private social and healthcare service providers and pharmacies use Kanta on the basis of legislation. The Kanta Services enable movement of your data between healthcare professionals attending to your care. In terms of social services, this will take place at a later date in the Kanta Services.

With the Kanta Services, your data is processed and stored in a reliable and secure way. The principles of data use are based on the Client Data Act.

**My Kanta Pages** is your view to your own health data. My Kanta Pages can be accessed at the address [kanta.fi/en](https://kanta.fi/en).

## Professionals can view your data with your consent

Your data recorded in the Kanta Services is always accessible by the healthcare and social welfare service provider who has entered it there. During your care, healthcare professionals can also use your prescription data and data that has been recorded of you in the regional patient register in public healthcare without your specific consent. Your data can only be viewed by the professionals who you are dealing with or who are attending to your care.

**Your data can be processed, for example, by a doctor or nurse during consultation or a pharmacist when collecting medicines at a pharmacy.**

Professionals attending to your care may also use your other patient data recorded elsewhere in the healthcare service if you have given your consent to sharing it.

**By giving your consent to data sharing, you will ensure that all healthcare units you visit have sufficient and up-to-date information about you.**

## You can decide on the use of your data

You can manage the use of your data by giving your consent to data sharing or issuing denials of consent in the healthcare service or in My Kanta Pages.

If you deny the consent to data sharing, the data can only be viewed by the service provider who recorded it.

**You can limit the use of your data, for example, by denying the consent to sharing the data concerning a certain prescription, appointment or treatment period.**

Consents and denials of consent to data sharing will be valid until further notice, and they can be withdrawn.

You can check in My Kanta Pages or ask the healthcare service for information about in which healthcare units your data has been used.

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