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Appendix 2: Sharing of data in the Prescription Centre with the authorities and for scientific research

In addition to what has been prescribed in section 13 of the act on electronic prescriptions concerning the sharing of data in the Prescription Centre, section 15 of the act on electronic prescriptions makes provision for sharing of data with the authorities and for scientific research. Notwithstanding secrecy provisions and other provisions on the use of information, in addition to what is provided elsewhere in legislation, the Social Insurance Institution of Finland, as the joint controller of the Prescription Centre, may, upon request, share from the Prescription Centre:

- With the Finnish Supervisory Agency, the data required in the supervision of healthcare professionals concerning prescriptions issued by prescribers of medicine and their dispensing
- With the Finnish Medicines Agency Fimea, data required for a prescription issued in order to apply for a special permit referred to in section 21 f of the Medicines Act, data required in the guidance of safe and appropriate use of medicines, and data required on prescriptions and their dispensing required in the supervision according to the Medicines Act and the Narcotics Act.

As the joint controller, Kela may draw up and share with the above-mentioned authorities such summaries of the data in the Prescription Centre that may be significant in the investigation of benefits or costs of pharmaceutical safety or medicine administration or in the development of Kela's operations and services.

In addition, it is possible to share

- with Kela the data required for the processing of medicine reimbursements according to the Sickness Insurance Act
- with the National Institute for Health and Welfare the data in accordance with the Act on the National Institute for Health and Welfare (668/2008).

The Finnish Social and Health Data Permit Authority has the right to process and share data in the Prescription Centre in accordance with the Act on the Secondary Use of Social and Health Data (552/2019).

The data may be shared with the above-mentioned authorities via a technical interface or in writing. In addition to the above, data may be shared by virtue of other legislation entitling the sharing of data. The data is provided in writing.

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When sharing data, organisational and technical protection measures shall be complied with in accordance with the EU's general data protection regulation and other legislation regulating the processing of personal data.