

SENDING DE-IDENTIFIED CAT PLUS DATA OUTSIDE THE PRACTICE AND TO THE PHN

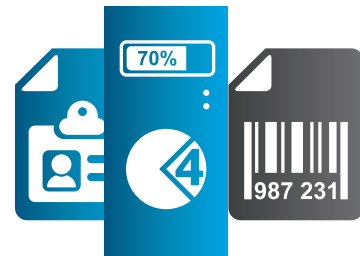


CAT Plus (through CAT4) extracts patient data from the practice Clinical Information Systems. It “standardises” this data by mapping the data from each Clinical Information System to standard categories. This means data from one practice can be compared or aggregated with another practice and has the same meaning – it equates to “apples with apples”.

This data is important to enable your PHN to gain an understanding of the needs of its local area(s). Only through the analysis of this data from practices across the PHN catchment, can the PHN understand the services that are needed to improve the health of patients that go to your practice.

WHAT DATA IS PROVIDED TO THE PHN

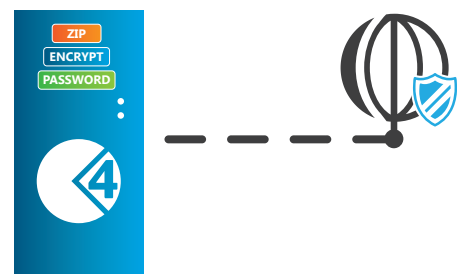
- Only de-identified data is sent to the PHN. CAT Plus provides the functionality to allow a practice to de-identify the data extract files that are created using CAT4.



Any data that leaves the practice is always de-identified first.

HOW DATA IS SENT TO THE PHN

- Data sending options, which allow data to be shared outside the practice, are controlled and configured by the practice. These allow the practice to zip, encrypt and password protect the data files.
- Data is sent using secure data transmission protocols directly to the PHN’s PAT CAT (the CAT Plus Practice Aggregation Tool) which allows the PHN to report on the catchment data.
- The data extraction and submission process can be automated using Pen CS Scheduling tools for convenience and to ensure timely and regular data submission.



REMEMBER ... NO DATA EVER LEAVES THE PRACTICE WITHOUT THE PRACTICE PERMISSION.