

REPORTING SCHEME FOR OCCUPATIONAL ASTHMA

Information Sheet



We would like to add your name and details to Shield

SHIELD is the Midland Thoracic Society's Surveillance Scheme for Occupational Asthma. The scheme was set up in January 1989 allow us to:

1. Find out how many workers get occupational asthma
2. Find groups from the same work place where action is needed
3. Find out more about the causes of occupational asthma

The form includes your name and address, the ways that we have made the diagnosis, what we think you are exposed to at work and the name and address of your workplace, and what has happened to you afterwards. We include workers where the diagnosis is not definite, but is more likely than not. This information is stored at Birmingham Heartlands Hospital on a secure computer, and used to write yearly reports. Your individual details will not be disclosed to anybody else. The information in these reports contains no names, so that neither you nor your workplace can be identified. You can see the reports yourself on www.occupationalasthma.com (under the section on Occupational Asthma and then Shield). The aim is to make Lung doctors and Occupational Health doctors aware of the main causes of occupational asthma.

If you are happy for us to keep your details on file, please sign your name on the SHIELD form itself (for us to keep) and below (your copy)

I _____

consent to having my information kept on the SHIELD database.

Signed _____