



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

# Health Freedom Minute

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## **Amazon in Health-Data Partnership with British NHS**

The British National Health System is sharing data with Amazon. Although the data of patients won't be shared, Amazon will get free access to all healthcare information on the system's website, including symptoms, causes, definitions and copyrightable materials. Interestingly, the partnership includes letting Brits turn to Amazon's Alexa to get answers to medical questions rather than calling a national hotline. That patient data will become part of the Amazon system.

Whatever people say to Alexa is swept up into the Amazon cloud, recorded and stored in its gigantic server system. Interestingly, the deal authorizes Amazon to use the data to generate new lines of business. Second, the British system is prohibited from publishing anything about this partnership without the consent of Amazon -- but the news got out.

**“NHS gives Amazon free use of health data under Alexa advice deal,”** Amy Walker, The Guardian, December 8, 2019: <https://bit.ly/2StGXRI>

**“Alexa, what is hidden behind your contract with the NHS?”** Privacy International, December 6, 2019: <https://bit.ly/38uc58D>

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