

Patient Information Leaflet

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Data Sharing

Do I have a choice?

Yes. You have the right to prevent confidential information about you from being shared or used for any purpose other than providing your care, except in special circumstances. If you do not want information that identifies you to be shared outside this Practice, complete the sheet enclosed in this leaflet. This will prevent your confidential information being used other than where necessary by law.

Objecting on behalf of others

If you are a carer and have a **Lasting Power of Attorney for health and welfare** then you can object on behalf of the patient who lacks capacity. If you do not hold a **Lasting Power of Attorney** then you can raise your specific concerns with the patient's GP.

If you have parental responsibility and your child is not able to make an informed decision for themselves, then you can make a decision about information sharing on behalf of your child. If your child is competent then this must be their decision.

Do I need to do anything?

Note your decisions on our data sharing consent form available in reception. If you are applying to register with us, please use the data sharing section in our new patient questionnaire to record your decisions. Once completed return your form to our reception staff.

Remember you can change your mind at any time, but be sure to notify our staff in writing of your choices should they change.

In Summary

Type 1 opt out - Register your decision to opt out using our 'data sharing consent form'.

National Data opt out - Register online www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters

Summary Care Record - Register your decision to opt out using our 'data sharing consent form'.

CHIE (Care & Health Information Exchange) - Register your decision to opt out using our 'data sharing consent form'.

Introduction

This leaflet explains **why** information is collected about you, the **ways** in which this information may be used, and **who** will be collecting it.

Data Share

NHS England aims to link information from all the different places where you receive care, such as hospital, community service and us your GP Surgery. This will allow them to compare the care you received in one area against the care you received in another.

Information will be held in a secure environment by **NHS Digital**. The role of NHS Digital is to ensure that high quality data is used appropriately to improve patient care. NHS Digital has legal powers to collect and analyse data from all providers of NHS care. They are committed, and legally bound, to the very highest standards of privacy and confidentiality to ensure that your confidential information is protected at all times.

This data can also be used, with permission, for planning and research purposes.

There are several forms of opt-outs available at different levels:

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Type 1 opt out - If you do not want personal confidential information that identifies you to be shared outside your GP practice you can register a 'Type 1 opt-out' with your GP practice. This prevents your personal confidential information from being used except for your direct health care needs and in particular circumstances required by law, such as a public health emergency like an outbreak of a pandemic disease.

Please let the surgery know (via our data sharing opt out form) should you wish to stop identifiable data about you leaving the practice.

National data opt-out (Type 2 opt out) - The national data opt-out was introduced on 25 May 2018 and replaces the previous 'type 2' opt-out. NHS Digital collects information from a range of places where people receive care, such as hospitals and community services. The new programme provides a facility for individuals to opt-out from the use of their data for research or planning purposes.

The practice can no longer register this choice for you. Patients must register their choice by using the online service at www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters. Details of alternative ways to register your choice can also be found on the above website.

Please note that the law requires Doctors to provide some very limited information about certain things. The law says, for example, that Doctors must provide information to local authorities about some infectious diseases, e.g. if you had food poisoning. Very rarely, Doctors may be required to disclose information in order to detect a serious crime. Likewise, a court order can require Doctors to disclose certain information during a court case.

Summary Care Record (SCR)

If you decide to have a SCR, it will contain important information about any medicines you are taking, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines that you have had. This does not include diagnosis or procedures.

Giving healthcare staff access to this information can prevent mistakes being made when caring for you in an emergency or when your GP practice is closed. Your Summary Care Record will also include your name, address, date of birth and your unique NHS Number to help identify you correctly. If you and your GP decide to include more information it can be added, but only with your express permission.

For more information visit:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/summary-care-records-scr/summary-care-records-scr-information-for-patients>

Care & Health Information Exchange (previously known as Hampshire Health Record)

CHIE is an electronic summary record for people living in Hampshire. GP Surgeries, hospitals, social care and community care teams collect information about you and store it electronically on separate computer systems. CHIE stores summary information from these organisations in one place so that – with your consent – professionals can view it to deliver better care to you.

This record contains more information than the SCR, but is only available to organisations in Hampshire.

For more information visit www.careandhealthinformationexchange.org.uk

Please let the surgery know (via our data sharing opt out form) should you wish to opt out of having an SCR or HHR.

Benefits of sharing information

Sharing information can help improve understanding, responses to different treatments and potential solutions. Information will also help to:

- ◆ Provide better information to out of hours and emergency services
- ◆ Prevent Prescribing of medication to which you may already have an allergy
- ◆ Make more informed prescribing decisions about drugs and dosages
- ◆ Avoid unnecessary duplication in prescribing
- ◆ Increase clinician confidence when providing care
- ◆ Results of investigations, such as X-rays and laboratory tests
- ◆ Reduce referrals, ambulance journey admissions, tests, time wastage and visits to healthcare premises
- ◆ Find out basic details about you, such as address and next of kin