

YOUR MEDICAL RECORD AND HOW IT MAY BE SHARED.

As a practice we would like to make sure that you are aware of the ways in which your data may be shared with other organisations.

As a patient there are important decisions to make regarding consent to sharing information.

Summary Care Record

NHS England have introduced the Summary Care Record, which will be used in urgent care. This record contains information regarding current Medications and any allergies you have had in the past. Several years ago the Department of Health sent a letter to every patient and at that time the patient had the option to complete an opt out form if they were unhappy about this. If you opted out at that time a note was made on your computerised medical record which is still valid

If you wish to opt out now, please contact reception (a leaflet with more information is available in reception)

Enhanced Data Sharing Model – (eDSM)

This means that your GP medical records can be shared with other NHS health professionals (for example the District Nursing Team) but only if you give consent. Again, with your consent, it allows us to see the details of the care provided by other NHS professionals.

When you start receiving care from another service, you will be asked if you agree to them viewing your medical information, and also that you are happy for us to view the information they input. We have assumed that if you have given them consent you are happy for us to see this information.

These 'shares' only last as long as you are receiving care from the other service.

Please contact reception to let them know your sharing preferences.

Care.data (General Practice Extraction Service)

Each household in England is receiving a letter explaining this service which enables the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) to access your information held on our computer system. This information can include personal confidential data. The HSCIC use this data to support service change and planning. They may also pass on this data to third party organisations involved in health research. If you are not happy about this, you can:

- 1. Stop the HSCIC accessing your personal confidential data.
- 2. Stop the HSCIC passing on your personal confidential data to third parties.

Please contact reception to arrange this.