

Patient Confidentiality and Information Sharing

PATIENT NAME:

We need to hold personal information about you on our computer system and in paper records to help us to look after your health needs, and your doctor is responsible for their accuracy and safe-keeping. Please help to keep your record up to date by informing us of any changes to your circumstances.

There have been many articles in the media recently about the Care.Data information sharing initiative which aims to use health and social care data to plan future services. Some people are concerned this data will be shared inappropriately and the scheme has now been delayed for six months.

There are two other initiatives that have been introduced this year which result in the sharing in individual patient's information only for the benefit of that patient. We do not want any concern our patients have over the Care.Data issues to prevent them from allowing their records to be shared and possibly affecting the care they receive.

Please read the information below and confirm whether or not you wish to give your consent to each initiative.

If you require any further information before making your decision please speak to a member of our team.

SUMMARY CARE RECORD

What is the Summary Care Record?

It is a summary of a patient's key health information that will be available to anyone treating them in the NHS across England. It will be really useful for out of hours or emergency care.

What information is in the Summary Care Record?

The Summary Care Record will have details of a patient's medications, any allergies and any bad reactions to medicines they have.

How will access to records be regulated and controlled?

NHS Staff who access a patient's records will have to be appropriately registered and issued with a Smartcard and passcode which works like a chip and PIN bankcard. They will need to ask a patient if they can look at their Summary Care Record every time they need to.

What happens in an emergency?

If you agree to have a Summary Care Record and are unable, due to illness or injury, to communicate with the medical staff treating you they will be able to access your information to provide the best possible care.

If you have any questions, or if you want to discuss your choices, please call the Summary Care Record Information Line on 0300 123 3020

I DO want a Summary Care Record

I DO NOT want a Summary Care Record