

SHARING YOUR NHS PATIENT DATA – Please read

Information sharing in the NHS is subject to rigorous regulation and governance to ensure your full identifiable and personal medical data is kept confidential and only ever seen by carefully vetted doctors, nurses and administrative staff responsible for overseeing your care.

With the development of information technology the NHS will increasingly be sharing key information from your GP medical notes with Out of Hours GP Services, Hospital A&E Units, Community Hospitals, and Community Nurses all of whom may at various times in your life be looking after you. Sharing information can improve both the quality and safety of care you receive and in some cases can be vital in making life-saving decisions about your treatment.

There are currently four different elements of “sharing NHS patient information”

SCR = The NHS Summary Care Record

ESCR = The NHS Enhanced Summary Care Record

EDSM = The Enhanced Data Sharing Model “SystemOne”

CARE.DATA = The Extraction of Data for Research

The first three elements are about ensuring continuity and safety in your personal care and the fourth is about extracting anonymous data for research to improve the future commissioning of health and social care services and the health of the nation. We ask you please to read the information on this document carefully. If you are happy with the NHS data sharing arrangements you do not need to do anything. However, if you wish to “opt out” of one or more aspects of the sharing arrangements please complete the relevant fields on the attached form and return it to reception.

SCR = NHS SUMMARY CARE RECORD

The NHS Summary Care Record was introduced to help deliver better and safer care; it contains basic information about:

- Any allergies you may have,
- Unexpected reactions to medications, and
- Any prescriptions you have recently received.

The intention of the SCR is to help clinicians in Hospital A&E Departments and GP ‘Out of Hours’ health services to give you safe, timely and effective treatment. Clinicians are only allowed to access your SCR record if they are authorised to do so and, even then, only if you give your express permission. You will be asked if healthcare staff can look at your Summary Care Record every time they need to, unless it is an emergency, for instance if you are unconscious. You can refuse if you think access is unnecessary. Over time, health professionals treating you may add details about any health problems and summaries of your care. Every time further information is added to your record, you will be asked if you agree (explicit consent). Patients under 16 years have an NHS Summary Care Record created for them so if you are the parent or guardian of a child then please either make this information available to them or decide and act on their behalf.

ESCR = NHS Enhanced Summary Care Record

The NHS Enhanced Summary Care Record includes the information contained in the Summary Care Record but also includes:

- Long term health conditions
- Relevant medical history
- Healthcare needs & personal preferences
- Immunisations

Please note that specific sensitive information such as fertility treatments, sexual transmitted infections, pregnancy termination or gender reassignment will not be included unless you specifically request any of these items to be included.

EDSM = ENHANCED DATA SHARING MODEL “SYSTEMONE”

The database and software used to store your GP health record is called “SystemOne” it is a very secure national system used by over 2000 GP practices and 4800 NHS organisations including GP out of hour’s services, children’s services, community services and some hospitals. The system gives your GP the facility to share your record with other NHS health providers that use the same clinical computer system and are involved in your care for example the local Community Nurses who may look after you if you when you leave hospital or become terminally ill or housebound. Allowing your GP to share your record in the “SystemOne” database helps to deliver better and safer care for you. It is the policy of all local GP practices to automatically opt registered patients into “SystemOne” sharing unless they expressly decline. Those patients who choose to decline are able to determine if their data is “shared out” and/or “shared in”

- Sharing OUT controls whether information recorded at our GP practice can be shared with other NHS health care providers.
- Sharing IN determines whether or not our GP practice can view information in your record that has been entered by other NHS services who are providing care for you or who may provide care for you in the future (that you have consented to share out).

CARE.DATA (better information means better care)

Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 NHS England has the power to direct the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) to extract information from the computer systems used by all providers of NHS care, including our General Practice. The specification for the data to be extracted from GP practices is carefully considered and approved by a Joint GP IT Committee of the British Medical Association and the Royal College of General Practitioners, as well as an independent advisory group. By sharing information in this new way researchers can identify patterns in disease and the most effective treatments. They can also:

- Find more effective ways of preventing or managing illnesses
- Advise local decision makers how best to meet the needs of local communities
- Promote public health by monitoring risks of disease spread
- Map out pathways of care to streamline inefficiencies and reduce waiting times
- Determine how to use NHS resources most fairly and efficiently

NHS PATIENT INFORMATION SHARING – MY CHOICES

Please complete by ticking the boxes below to detail your personal decisions regarding the 4 aspects of NHS patient data sharing:

It is very important you sign this form to say that you understand and accept the risks to your personal health care if you do decide to opt out of SCR or EDSM. Upon completion hand the form into reception, the form will then be uploaded to your NHS GP Medical Records.

Patients full name	
Patients date of birth	

1. SCR - NHS Summary Care Record

Please tick only one box.

- I wish to have a summary care record
- I do not wish to have a summary care record

2. ESCR – NHS Enhanced Summary care Record

Please tick only one box.

- I wish to have an enhanced summary care record
- I do not wish to have an enhanced summary care record

3. EDSM – Enhanced data sharing model “SystemOne”

Please tick the box if you do not wish to have your data **shared out**

- I do not consent to the **sharing out** of my data with other NHS organisations that may care for me

Please tick the box if you do not wish your data to be **shared in**

- I do not consent to the **sharing in** of my data recorded at other NHS organisations that may care for me

4. Care.data information extraction by the HSCIC for research purposes

Please tick the box if you do not wish your data to be extracted for research purposes

- I do not wish my data to be extracted for research purposes

Patients signature		Date	
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