



SHARING YOUR NHS PATIENT DATA

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, 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 three different elements of “sharing NHS patient information”

- **SCR = The NHS Summary Care Record**
- **EDSM = The Enhanced Data Sharing Model “SystemOne”**
- **CARE.DATA = The Extraction of Data for Research**

The first two elements are about ensuring continuity and safety in your personal care and the third 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 and complete the relevant fields on this form and return it to your GP surgery.

SCR = NHS SUMMARY CARE RECORD

The NHS Summary Care Record was introduced many years ago 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.

EDSM = ENHANCED DATA SHARING MODEL “SYSTEMONE”

The database and software used to store your GP health record is called “SystmOne” 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. All the GP Practices in the Newton Abbot locality use this same confidential clinical computer system. 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 “SystmOne” 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 “SystmOne” 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

There is a patient information line available to answer any questions or concerns people may have about how their data will be used for these purposes. The information line is open Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm and on Saturdays from 9am to 3pm. **The number to call is 0300 456 3531.** A text phone service is also available on 0208 7428620. GP practices have no choice but to allow the HSCIC to extract your information. Currently individual patients can opt out if they wish, using the attached form. You can change your mind at any time and as many times as you wish.

To The GP Medical Practice Admin Support Team

NHS PATIENT INFORMATION SHARING – MY CHOICES

Please complete and/or tick the **grey** boxes below to detail your personal decisions regarding the 3 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. Hand the completed form in to your GP Surgery; they will scan this form into your NHS GP Medical Records and enter the appropriate computer codes.

Patients full NAME	
Patients DATE OF BIRTH	

1. SCR - NHS SUMMARY CARE RECORD

Please tick only one box.

- Express consent for medication, allergies and adverse reactions only
- Express consent for medication, allergies, adverse reactions and additional information
- Express dissent – Patient does not want a summary care record and fully understands the risks involved with this decision

2. EDSM – ENHANCED DATA SHARING MODEL “SystemOne”

Sharing Out – Do you consent to the sharing of data recorded by your GP practice with other NHS organisations that may care for you?

- YES share data with other NHS organisations
- NO do NOT share any data recorded by my GP Practice; I fully accept the risks associated with this decision

Sharing In – Do you consent to your GP Practice viewing data that is recorded at other NHS organisations and care services that may care for you?

- Consent Given
- Consent Refused; I fully accept the risks associated with this decision.

3. CARE.DATA information extraction by the HSCIC for research purposes

- I wish to dissent from disclosure of personal confidential data leaving my GP Practice.
- I wish to dissent from disclosure of personal confidential data from secondary care (hospitals / community services)

Patient's full SIGNATURE		DATE	
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