

Patient Information Leaflet

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Data Sharing

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 called the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC). The role of the HSCIC is to ensure that high quality data is used appropriately to improve patient care. The HSCIC 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 research purposes. If you do not wish to share data for research, you can opt out: *(PTO)*

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- ◆ You can object to information containing data that identifies you from leaving the Practice. This will prevent identifiable information held in your record from being sent to the HSCIC secure environment. It will also prevent those who have gained special legal approval from using your health information for research.
- ◆ You can also object to any information containing data that identifies you from leaving the HSCIC secure environment. This includes information from all places you receive NHS care, such as hospitals. If you object, confidential information will not leave the HSCIC and will not be used, except in very rare circumstances for example in the event of a public health emergency.

For more information

Visit www.england.nhs.uk/caredata

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

Phone 0300 123 3020 or visit www.nhscaresrecords.nhs.uk

DORSET CARE RECORD (DCR)

The DCR is an electronic summary record for people living in Dorset.

GP Surgeries, hospitals, social care and community care teams collect information about you and store it electronically on separate computer systems. The Dorset Care Record 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 Dorset

The DCR will include:

- health problems and diagnoses
- prescribed drugs
- blood tests, pathology and X-ray results
- next of kin, carer and care provider
- hospital discharge letters

Benefits

A similar system is already in place in Hampshire, with plans for Wiltshire to follow suit, giving the potential for shared information and improved care when people move across county borders. There is also the long-term possibility to share data with other health and care organisations, like hospices and pharmacies.

The **Dorset Information Sharing Charter (DISC)** will ensure personal data is kept secure and confidential.

More information on the DCR and DISC can be found by visiting:

www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk

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 the enclosed form and return to Reception. You can change your mind at any time, just complete another form.