

## Your GP Record - the facts

### Can I make my record unavailable to view?

**Yes.** You can explicitly tell your GP you don't want your information to be made available outside your GP Practice and your decision will be recorded.

### Does my entire record have to be made available?

**No.** You can ask for parts of your record to be made private. This information will never be shared unless it is required by law or you give permission.

### Do all care providers need to see my record?

**No.** Some health services, like stop smoking clinics or weight loss programmes, will not need to share or view your information.

### Who will be looking at my record?

Care professionals, who are directly caring for you. The permission to view your GP record is for that episode of care only. You will be asked for your permission again if you return to that service at a later date.

### What organisations will my GP record be made available to?

Other GP practices, NEMS, Central, Nottingham University Hospitals Trust, Nottinghamshire Clinical Services, East Midlands Ambulance Service, Sherwood Forest Hospitals Foundation Trust,

Nottinghamshire Healthcare, County Health Partnerships, Nottingham CityCare Partnership, 111 and Community Services.

### How safe and secure are my records?

Only authorised clinical staff who are involved in your care would access your records over the NHS secure network. All access is recorded.

## Making your GP record available

To improve care your GP information will be made securely available to other professionals involved in your care. This is called **implied consent**.<sup>\*</sup> You may be asked if you are happy to share your record. This is called **explicit consent**.

### Giving permission to view your record

When you see another care professional like a community nurse or hospital doctor, they will **still** ask for your permission to view your GP record. You can decline.

If you are unconscious for example in an emergency situation a health professional may access your record without permission if it is deemed in your best interests to provide care.

<sup>\*</sup> If you have previously opted-out, your GP record will not be available

## Sharing your GP record

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## What is a GP record?

Your GP record contains medical information recorded by health workers who are involved in your care.



This information could include: letters from the hospital, information about your visits, test results, medications, diagnosis of allergies (e.g. Asthma). In fact it's anything that could help a health professional who is treating you outside your GP Practice provide you with the correct care.

## Sharing your GP record could save your life

Making your record available means that care professionals will have your most up to date information. This means that you won't have unnecessary tests, have to repeat information or be given drugs that you may be allergic to.

Everyone should make their record available in case they need to be seen in an emergency. If you have certain health conditions, illnesses or have to go to hospital a lot, then you should definitely make your record available.

Making your GP record available is completely different from national sharing schemes such as the Summary Care Record (SCR) and Care.

## Don't I already share my record?

Many people think their GP record is available to all healthcare professionals involved in their care, but this is not generally the case. At the moment, each professional you see keeps a separate record. This can mean some important information is not communicated between health services as well as it could be.



To help, we are launching a local shared record programme that will make it possible for health professionals to view relevant information about you.

If you have any questions, please speak to reception. If necessary the receptionist will arrange for someone to give you a call.