

Your Summary Care Record (SCR)

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Care professionals in England use an electronic record called the Summary Care Record (SCR). This can provide those involved in your care with faster secure access to key information from your GP record.

What is a SCR? If you are registered with a GP practice in England, you will already have an SCR unless you have previously chosen not to have one. It includes the following basic information:

Core Items

- Medicines you are taking
- Allergies you suffer from
- Any bad reactions to medicines
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It also includes your name, address, date of birth and unique NHS Number which helps to identify you correctly. You can now choose to include additional items

- Significant medical history (past and present),
- Information about management of long -term conditions
- Immunisations / Vaccinations
- Patient preferences such as end of life care information, particular care needs
- Communication preferences.
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Remember, you can change your mind about your SCR at any time. Talk to your GP practice if you want to discuss your option to add more information or decide you no longer want an SCR.

Vulnerable patients and carers Having an SCR that includes extra information can be of particular benefit to patients with detailed and complex health problems. If you are a carer for someone and believe that this may benefit them, you could discuss it with them and their GP practice.

Who can see my Summary Care Record (SCR)

Only authorised care professional staff in England who are involved in your direct care can have access to your SCR. Your SCR will not be used for any other purposes.

All staff:

- Need to have a Smartcard with a chip and passcode
- Will only see the information they need to do their job
- Will have their details recorded every time they look at your record

Care professionals will ask for your permission if they need to look at your SCR. If they cannot ask you because you are unconscious or otherwise unable to communicate, they may decide to look at your record because doing so is in your best interest. This access is recorded and checked to ensure that it is appropriate.

SCRs for children If you are the parent or guardian of a child under 16, and feel they are able to understand this information you should show it to them. You can then support them to come to a decision about having an SCR.