

Your Electronic Patient Record and the Sharing of Information

Your healthcare services (which can include your GP practice, child health, community services –including District Nurses, palliative care services, urgent care teams and more) all use computer systems which allow the GP's , consultants, nurses and other healthcare staff to record patient information securely.

Not all of this information is currently shared between the different units. This can mean that important information is not visible to the health professional who is treating you.

What does the sharing of information mean to me?

By completing the Sharing Consent Form attached to the registration form we can record how you want to control the sharing of your medical information in to us, and out to authorised staff who have secure access at different units within the healthcare environment.

We are asking for your consent or dissent for:

1. Your information entered at our Practice to be shared with other healthcare workers within their healthcare settings.
2. Information about you that has been recorded by other health services caring for you to be shared to us at your GP Practice. Your clinician will be able to tell you the services that currently are, or have previously care for you, to help you make your decision.

Note: You can **request individual entries** in your record to be marked as private. These will not then routinely be shared with other services.

Don't Forget: These controls apply to many NHS services using a system that is capable of sharing patient information. You can change your sharing preferences at any time by speaking to a member of NHS staff at the care service you are attending.

How does this work?

Imagine that you are receiving care from three different NHS services: a GP, district nurse and NHS smoking clinic. You want your GP and district nurse to be able to share information with each other and know your progress at the smoking clinic. However, you don't want the smoking clinic to see any of your other medical information.

The GP can share information IN and OUT. The district nurse can share information IN and OUT. The smoking clinic can only share information OUT but not IN.