

# The Summary Care Record

In common with all GP surgeries, Oakley Health Group is required to extract and upload information from GP records to the national Summary Care Record (SCR) database, one of a number of NHS databases.

Your Summary Care Record will contain all medication prescribed for you in the preceding 6 months, any repeat medication issued over the preceding 18 months, and any allergies or adverse reactions to medicines.

The information will potentially be available to healthcare professionals across England, for the purpose of your direct clinical care (a “primary” use of your information).

The SCR is therefore a *nationally* available database.

The information is extracted and uploaded to the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC), who is therefore the data controller for the Summary Care Record database.

At Frimley Park Hospital, only the pharmacy department currently use the SCR.

Neither our local GP out of hours centre (North Hants Urgent Care), nor NHS111, nor the ambulance service (SECAMB), currently use the SCR.

**If you do not wish to have, or continue to have, a Summary Care Record then you can opt-out at any time.**

If you do opt-out, your uploaded data will be “blanked”, no one will be able to access it, and no further information about you will be uploaded from your GP record.

Opting out of the Summary Care Record will also automatically prevent your medical record from being uploaded to the Hampshire Health Record.

If you do opt-out, or if you have already opted out, then you can opt back in *at any time* and have a Summary Care Record created.

Further information about Summary Care Records is available from:

- [www.summarycarerecord.info](http://www.summarycarerecord.info)
- [www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk](http://www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk)

If you wish to opt out of The Summary Care Record then simply fill in the opt-out form in this factsheet and hand it in to the surgery (either site).

Alternatively, you can email Dr Neil Bhatia ( [Neil.Bhatia@nhs.net](mailto:Neil.Bhatia@nhs.net) ) with your opt-out wishes.

If you would like any further information about secondary uses, opting out, or about any other aspect of NHS data sharing, then please do contact the surgery's [Caldicott Guardian](#) / Information Governance lead:

Dr Neil Bhatia  
[Neil.Bhatia@nhs.net](mailto:Neil.Bhatia@nhs.net)

The Summary Care Record is just one way by which you can make your information available to other healthcare professionals.

When it comes to allowing healthcare professionals outside of the GP surgery access to your GP record, you have a number of choices.

- You do not have to allow any such access - by opting out of *all* such schemes
- You can allow *nationwide* access to limited information from your GP record (allergies and medication) by not opting out of The Summary Care Record
- You can allow your *entire* GP record to be extracted, uploaded, combined with information from hospital trusts, mental health services and community services, and made available *regionally* - by not opting out of the Hampshire Health Record
- You can allow your GP record to be *streamed or viewable* in real time, *locally*, without being uploaded or extracted, and with genuine control over the information shared - by not opting out of EMIS Web data streaming
- You can control access to your GP record, *completely and personally*, by allowing temporary secure online access to your GP record - should you have chosen to enable this (i.e. opted in)  
In theory, your information is available to healthcare professionals *worldwide*, should you allow it in any given situation
- If you have enabled secure online access for your GP record, then you can export your record and either print it off or save it securely on a mobile device, and then take it with you to show a healthcare professional when needed
- You can choose to share information in many other ways - for example, medical alert cards (such as MediPal, Steroid alert cards, Biological therapy cards, rare diseases cards, even bus pass cards), medical alert jewellery (such as MedicAlert, SOS Talisman), Zaptag, Tap2Tag and EIO smart cards, and personal health apps such as Evergreen Life or SiKL

# Opt-out of The Summary Care Record (SCR)

- **Please opt me out of the Summary Care Record**

Please ensure that no information is extracted and uploaded from my GP medical record to the SCR

Please ensure that any information already uploaded to the SCR is "blanked" and made unavailable to others

I understand that this will also opt me out of The Hampshire Health Record (HHR)

- I understand that this opt-out will in no way affect access to my GP record by my GP surgery
  - I understand that this opt-out will in no way prevent my GP surgery from providing information, when required, to other healthcare professionals, in person, by phone, fax, text, letter, email, e-referral or e-prescription
  - I understand that I can change my mind at any time and opt back in to the SCR
  - I understand that this opt-out will not automatically opt me out of EMIS Web data streaming, or secondary uses of my GP record, and that I will have to opt-out separately if I wish to prohibit those particular uses of my personal confidential information
- 

Name:

Signature:

DOB:

Your name/signature & relationship if applying on behalf of another person (e.g. parent/legal guardian):