

NHS Data Sharing at Oakley Health Group

The NHS shares data from your medical record in a number of ways. You have the right to control how your personal information is used and who has access to it.

Primary uses of information from your GP medical record are those making information available to doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals in order to provide you with direct medical care. For example, your GP record is available to the GPs and nurses at the surgery when you have need to see them.

Secondary uses of information from your GP medical record involves extracting identifiable data and (usually) uploading that data to third parties, both within and outside of the NHS, for purposes *unrelated to your medical care*. Examples include using your information for research, audit, healthcare planning, risk profiling (or "stratification"), commercial and even political uses. Your data may be provided to other organisations free of charge by the third parties, or may be sold on by them.

The Summary Care Record (SCR)

This is a national centralised database of medical information (initially allergies and medication only) extracted and uploaded from patients' GP records.

This project's aims are to make such information potentially available to doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals (in hospitals, A&E departments and GP out-of-hours centres, countrywide) should both the need arise and the patient allows the information to be viewed. It is therefore a *nationally available database*.

You have the right to opt-out of The Summary Care Record, should you wish

The Hampshire Health Record (HHR)

This is a localised centralised database of very large amounts of medical information extracted and uploaded from patients' GP records. Your records from certain hospital trusts, community services and mental health services will also be extracted, uploaded to the HHR, combined with your GP data, and made potentially available to others.

This project's aims are to make this *combined* information potentially available to medical personnel across the whole of Hampshire, should both the need arise and the patient allows the information to be viewed.

It is therefore a *regionally available database*.

Oakley Health Group no longer permits any secondary uses of our patients' uploaded information.

As a result, it concerns *direct clinical care only* and is a *primary use* of your medical record.

You have the right to opt-out of The Hampshire Health Record, should you wish

EMIS Web data streaming

The surgery allows the A&E department at Frimley Park Hospital and Frimley Primary Care Service (FPCS) GP out-of-hours centre potential access to the GP records of our patients attending that department. A&E and FPCS will only be able to see that information if the patient gives their explicit consent at the time of attendance.

The information is "streamed" in real time and on-demand, meaning that data from your GP record is neither extracted, nor uploaded, nor sent anywhere. The data remains within the surgery database and A&E/FPCS is only allowed to "view" it.

This type of data streaming has nothing whatsoever to do with any of the above-mentioned NHS databases: no data whatsoever is extracted and uploaded from your GP record.

You will always be asked for your explicit consent before anyone can look at your record. You can agree or refuse, as you prefer, on any given occasion that you have need to attend A&E or FPCS.

Other than A&E and FPCS, no other organisation can look at the information from your GP record in this way. It is therefore a *locally available database*.

You can agree with your GP which items within your GP record you want A&E and FPCS to be able to see, and which items you do not want them to have access to.

The surgery remains the data controller and we can view and monitor access through the surgery system. We will be able to tell you exactly when your record was accessed, and by whom. All you need to do is ask.

You have the right to opt-out of EMIS Web data streaming, should you wish

You have the right to opt-out of allowing your medical record to be shared, or be directly accessible, for primary purposes (for your direct medical care), beyond your GP surgery, if you so wish.

This may limit the opportunity for certain health professionals (other than those within your GP surgery) to directly access aspects of your electronic GP record in a particular way.

However, it *in no way* limits all of the other and many ways that your medical information can be made available to those who require it.

That information can be made available by you - the patient - directly, or by temporarily giving the health professional secure online access to your medical record.

That information can, is, and always will be made available to those who require it by your GP, whether directly, by phone, fax, text, letter, email, e-referral or e-prescription.

Choosing not to have your data extracted in any, or all, of these ways will have no direct impact on any NHS or private organisation's ability to care for you.

You can opt back in to primary uses of your GP record at any time in the future. You can opt back in and allow *all* the primary use schemes to extract, upload and process your data, or stream your data, or you can opt back into each scheme individually, as you prefer.

So when it comes to allowing healthcare professionals, outside of the GP surgery, access to your GP record, you therefore 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](#)

Secondary uses of your medical information

Other secondary uses of your data include extracting and uploading information for risk profiling and healthcare planning. However, Oakley Health Group *does not* extract and upload data for risk stratification/profiling.

GP practices extract and upload data to NHS Digital for national clinical audits. Examples include the National Diabetes Audit and the National Chronic Kidney Disease Audit.

In common with all GP surgeries in England, Oakley Health Group is legally compelled to extract and upload de-identified information about you concerning any eMed3 Statement of Fitness to Work reports (i.e. sick notes) to NHS Digital, which is subsequently passed to the Department of Work and Pensions.

And we are legally compelled to extract and upload data to The National Diabetes Audit

In the future, more data is planned to be extracted and uploaded to NHS Digital for various secondary purposes, under a mechanism known as GPES extractions.

You have the right to opt-out of *all secondary uses of your data*, should you wish.

If you do opt-out then data *which can identify you* will not be extracted from your GP record and uploaded (or distributed) for purposes unrelated to your direct medical care (this is known as a **Type 1 objection**).

In addition, NHS Digital will be prohibited from releasing or selling identifiable information about you, which it already holds, for purposes unrelated to your direct medical care (this is known as a **Type 2 objection**).

If you do opt-out, we will action both a Type 1 and a Type 2 objection.

Opting out of secondary uses will not stop, or hinder, the practice from submitting anonymised data about you (i.e. data that *cannot* identify you) for the purposes of research, audit or healthcare planning, or in order for the practice to be paid by the NHS for services provided.

Not allowing secondary uses of your GP record - which will prohibit risk stratification, the national audits and GPES - will *in no way* affect the medical care that you receive, anywhere in the NHS or privately.

Opting out of secondary uses of your GP record will *not* prevent medical researchers accessing your information - they just have to ask for your explicit permission *first*.

You can opt back in to secondary uses of your GP record at any time in the future. You can opt back in and allow all the secondary use schemes to extract, upload and process your data, or you can opt back into each scheme individually, as you prefer. You can reverse either a Type 1 or a Type 2 objection, or both.

Detailed information about all of these schemes (The Summary Care Record, The Hampshire Health Record, EMIS Web data streaming and Secondary uses) are available from

- the surgery, or
- on our [website](http://www.oakleyhealth.org) (www.oakleyhealth.org → Your medical records), or
- via www.nhsdatasharing.info

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

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