

General Practice Data for Planning and Research (GDPR)

GP practices nationwide will be required to supply patients' personal and confidential medical information, on a regular and continuous basis, to NHS Digital, a project known as GDPR.

The information will consist of your full (historic) GP record, as well as new information added to it on an ongoing basis.

At present, the date when extractions will begin is unknown, [as this project has been temporarily paused](#). *But not cancelled.*

Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, GP practices have **no** choice but to allow NHS Digital to extract this information – it is a legal obligation. NHS Digital will become the data controller for that information, will administer the data, and intends to use it for purposes beyond direct medical care, including (but not limited to) planning health services, commissioning, “population health management”, and research.

This are known as *secondary uses* of your medical records.

Medical staff treating you in GP surgeries, hospitals, A&E and out-of-hours centres *will not use, or be able to use*, this database. They have access to all relevant medical information about you in other ways.

Although GP practices cannot object to this information leaving the practice, individual patients and their families can instruct their practice to prohibit the transfer of their personal data, i.e. **you have the right to opt-out**.

Opting out of GDPR involves registering an objection at the surgery to all secondary uses of your personal identifiable data, where your explicit consent is not being sought beforehand.

This is known as a Type 1 opt-out, and we have a detailed factsheet on this, [which you can download from our website, here](#).

That factsheet tells you what a Type 1 opt-out does, and what it does not do. For example, it in no way prohibits the sharing of all relevant and necessary information required for your *direct medical care*.

You need to opt-out to prevent your information from being uploaded. After extractions begin, you *may* not be able to get any uploaded information deleted by NHS Digital.

How do I opt out?

- Fill in the opt-out form overleaf, or
- Fill in the opt-out form within the Type 1 opt-out factsheet

And either:

- Hand it in to the surgery, or
- Post it to the surgery, or
- Email it to Dr Neil Bhatia, the surgery's Caldicott Guardian
Neil.Bhatia@nhs.net

You can opt-out via eConsult if you wish, just choose “*Administrative*” and ideally mark it for the attention of Dr Neil Bhatia.

Where can I find detailed information about GPDFPR (and other secondary uses of my GP record)?

- [NHS Digital](#)
- [medConfidential](#)
- [Which?](#)
- [Full Fact](#)
- [Understanding Patient Data](#)
- Dr Bhatia's personal website: www.gpdpr.info

If you have further concerns or questions regarding GDPR, secondary uses, data sharing in general, privacy, confidentiality, or opting out then please contact:

Dr Neil Bhatia, Caldicott Guardian and Data Protection Officer
(Neil.Bhatia@nhs.net)

OPT OUT FORM – MEDICAL RECORDS

Dear Oakley Health Group,

I do not wish to allow my medical records to be used for any purpose other than my medical care.

I wish to opt-out of

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Please ensure **my dissent to secondary uses** is recorded by whatever means possible, which includes adding the following code to my GP record:

Type 1 objection: **9Nu0/XaZ89/827241000000103**

I understand that I can opt back in to any or all of these at any time in the future.

Name:

Signature:

DOB:

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

Please hand this form into reception, or post it to the surgery
or email it to Dr Neil Bhatia (Neil.Bhatia@nhs.net)