

Should I share my medical record with other local health professionals?

The short answer is – Yes, please! Why? Because if you need to go to a local Minor Injuries Unit, or telephone 111 to speak to the urgent care service over a weekend, or are under the care of the community nursing team, they cannot see your GP medical record unless we have set your preference to “share out” your medical record with other health professionals.

SystemOne (our clinical system on which your medical record is stored) is used by Child Health services, Community services (health visitor and community nurses), Palliative care services, Hospitals and Urgent Care services, so they could have immediate access electronically to important information that would help them to treat you. But we are the guardians of your GP record, so if you want them to be able see this information, you have to have told us in advance so we can record your choice on your record. Otherwise the other organisation won't be able to view your information, even if you give them your permission at the time of being treated.

Safeguards: the organisation providing your care will always ask you whether you consent to them viewing your GP record and you can say no at that time. We are automatically informed every time another organisation accesses your record and will check to make sure there was a legitimate reason.

What you need to do:

When we next see you, we will ask you: “**Do you consent to share your record out?**” so that other health professionals can view it with your permission, if they need to treat you. We will also ask you: “**Do you consent to share your record in?**” so that we can view information about you recorded by other healthcare organisations. At the moment your record is not shared so you don't need to do anything unless you want this to change.

You can change your preference at any time, or mark certain items as private whilst still sharing the rest of your medical record.

Please note this is different from the Care Data system which is due to start in the autumn, where your medical data may be used anonymously by the NHS for research purposes unless you have opted out.

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Consent form

I consent to the sharing out of my GP medical record to be shared with other health professionals who may care for me in the future **Yes / No** (please delete as appropriate)

I consent to the sharing in of information recorded about me at other health organisations with my GP surgery **Yes / No** (please delete as appropriate)

Dependants: please list the names of any children under the age of 18 for whom you give the same consent, and your relationship to them:

Your Name:	Date of Birth:
Your signature:	
Dependent Name(s) and Date(s) of Birth:	Your relationship to dependants (eg mother):