

Sharing Your Medical Information

Sharing your medical records supports your care

Current Practice

Whenever you visit your GP surgery, the doctors and nurses that you see have access to your full medical history in your GP medical record.

If you currently require medical attention by other healthcare professionals in NHS Hospitals, Community services, Walk-in-Centres, or Out of Hours services, they cannot see your GP medical record.

A Safer Future

New technology allows your GP to receive updates electronically about you and your treatment from all NHS providers involved in your care. If you give permission so that other healthcare professionals can see your GP medical record you can avoid unnecessary appointments and tests because appointments can be better planned and test results shared between clinicians that manage your care.

This is a national initiative and is being implemented across London and other parts of the country.

Patient Benefits

- You won't need to repeat your medical history
- You can be more involved in decisions about your care
- Health professionals have the right information at the right time
- You can decide what information you share and who you share it with
- Your records are handled securely and confidentially

Secure transmission

Health Professionals have been trained to keep your records secure and to manage them responsibly and in confidence.

Your health information will only be accessed by trained staff and only with **your consent**. Please be assured that no one outside of this practice will access your records without your verbal consent each time you are seen. Your record will not be shown to any third parties. The choice to share this information is yours.

Further Information

If you would like to discuss this further or do not want your record shared outside of your GP surgery, please speak to a member of staff or the Practice Manager.