

# NHS Data Sharing Agreements

The NHS is currently making some important changes to how it will store and use health records over the next few years.

All patients are automatically opted in to the data sharing areas detailed below. Patients can choose to opt out of any of these (or all of them) at any time

- **Summary Care Record (SCR) – National project**
- **Your Care Connected (YCC) Local Project**

## **Summary Care Record (SCR) – National project**

### ***What is it?***

SCR is a record of three main areas of your record:

- Medicines
- Allergies
- Sensitivities

### ***What data is used?***

Only the three areas listed above

### ***Why is data needed?***

It enables Healthcare staff outside of a GP surgery to have access to the above information so they provide you with safer care during an emergency, when the GP practice is closed or when a you are away from home (in another part of England).

Healthcare staff will have to ask your permission every time they need to look at an SCR.

### ***Can patients opt out?***

Yes. If you do not wish to have an SCR need to complete an opt-out form - see attached.

### ***Where can I get more information?***

- Arden Medical Centre website ([www.ardenmedicalcentre.co.uk](http://www.ardenmedicalcentre.co.uk))
  - NHS choices website ([www.nhs.uk/nhsengland/thenhs/records/healthrecords](http://www.nhs.uk/nhsengland/thenhs/records/healthrecords))
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## **YOUR CARE CONNECTED**

### **Patient Information Leaflet and Opt Out Forms are enclosed**

Allowing healthcare professionals to view information from your GP record will provide them with important and potentially life-saving information; it will also help to reduce unnecessary repeat tests, such as blood tests and X-rays. Sharing your medical records could save your life.

Did you know your GP medical record is the most complete record of your health and wellbeing. But did you know that when you visit a hospital, access mental health or out of hours services, or need an ambulance, those treating you cannot access your record? Your local NHS feels that those involved in your care should be able to see vital information about you to help improve the medical care that you receive, which is why Your Care Connected is being implemented across Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull. Your Care Connected will allow doctors, nurses and other registered healthcare professionals caring for you to view information from your GP record, with your permission, to provide you with better, safer care.

How this helps you:

- Faster and easier access to your medical information, which could save your life
- Provides information such as any medication you take and the dosage, any allergies you may have, the results of any recent medical tests you've had or which member of the GP practice staff you saw last
- Improves the safety and quality of your care
- Less time spent filling in forms
- More secure than your GP sending your record via fax or recorded delivery to the participating organisations (which is the current alternative)
- Enables safer delivery of care in an emergency

### **Opting Out**

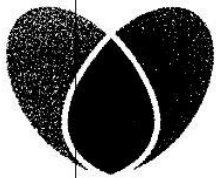
If you decide to 'opt-out' of Your Care Connected only your usual medical practice will be able to access your record electronically. Please be aware that opting out will mean your record is not available at all, even in emergency situations. If you wish to 'opt-out' please speak to your practice directly.

### **Would you like to know more?**

Please visit **[MidlandsYourCareConnected.nhs.uk](https://MidlandsYourCareConnected.nhs.uk)**

Alternatively, you can email the team **[InfoMidlandsYourCareConnected@nhs.net](mailto:InfoMidlandsYourCareConnected@nhs.net)**

Or call them on **Freephone 0333 150 3388**



**Your Care  
Connected**

Website: [www.MidlandsYourCareConnected.nhs.uk](http://www.MidlandsYourCareConnected.nhs.uk)

Email: [infoMidlandsYourCareConnected@nhs.net](mailto:infoMidlandsYourCareConnected@nhs.net)

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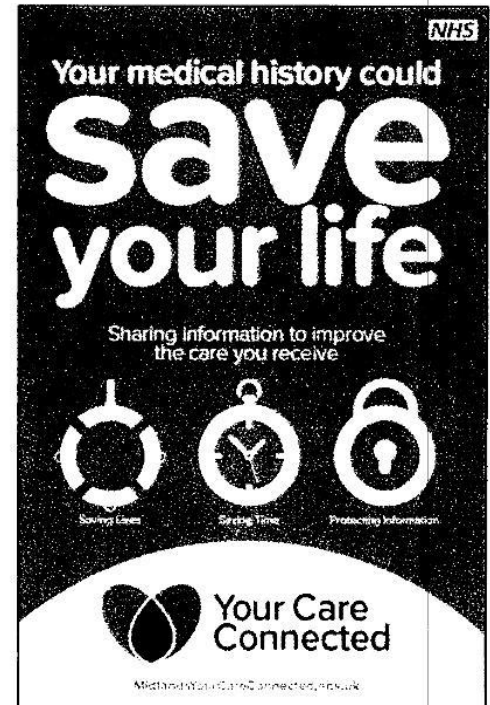
## Your medical history could save your life

Your GP Practice is part of Your Care Connected (YCC), a potentially lifesaving local NHS record sharing service, implemented across Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull to provide better, safer care. If you need to attend a local hospital, YCC makes it possible for the authorised health and care staff, who are caring for you, to securely access important medical information from your GP record to provide you with better, safer care.

Your Care Connected will only be used to improve the care you receive when you visit one of the local NHS organisations across Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull as listed on our website:

[www.MidlandsYourCareConnected.nhs.uk](http://www.MidlandsYourCareConnected.nhs.uk)

Your data will not be: extracted, stored elsewhere, used for research or marketing or sold to any other organisations. **If you opt-out of Your Care Connected, it will also automatically stop your record being shared for any other local record sharing projects** (for example, restricting access to extended services and appointments that are being provided by neighbouring GP practices).



## Your information, your choice

### If you are happy to take part:

You do not need to do anything. If you visit one of the organisations listed on our website, those treating you will be able to securely access vital information from your record to help improve the care you receive.

### If you do not want your information shared:

You will need to 'opt-out' to stop your record from being shared. To 'opt-out', please complete the form below and give this back to your practice. Your practice will then process your request to turn off record sharing.

## Opt out form: Only complete if you do not want your information shared

Please complete this form in BLOCK CAPITALS if you do not want your information to be shared. If you wish to opt out on behalf of a child or vulnerable adult, you must request this from their registered GP practice by using this form. However, they may decline your request if they believe it is not in the best interests of the child or vulnerable adult in question.

Title: ..... Name: .....

Date of Birth: ..... Postcode: ..... NHS No: .....  
(DD/MM/YYYY) (if known)

I do not want my information to be shared via Your Care Connected. I understand that this may mean important information will not be available to those treating me when making decisions about my treatment in potentially urgent and life-threatening situations. I understand that by opting out of Your Care Connected I will also opt out of any other local sharing initiatives by default. I also understand that if I change my mind I can only opt back in by visiting my GP Practice.

Signed: .....

Date: .....

Please complete and return to your GP practice.

FOR NHS USE ONLY

Date:

Actioned by:

## Summary Care Record – your emergency care summary

### OPT-OUT FORM

Request for my clinical information to be withheld from the Summary Care Record

If you **DO NOT** want a Summary Care Record please fill out the form and send it to your GP practice (completed forms must be returned to your GP practice. Forms sent anywhere other than your GP practice will not be actioned).

Please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

Title..... Surname / Family name.....

Forename(s) .....

Address .....

Postcode ..... Phone No ..... Date of birth ...../...../.....

NHS number (if known)..... Signature .....

If you are filling out this form on behalf of another person or child, their GP practice will consider this request.

Your name .....Your signature .....

Relationship to patient ..... Date.....

### What does it mean if I DO NOT I

#### A Summary Care Record?

NHS healthcare staff caring for you may not be aware of your current medications, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines you have had, in order to treat you safely in an emergency.

Your records will stay as they are now with information being shared by letter, email, fax or phone only where required for your care.

If you have any questions, or if you want to discuss your choices, please:

- Phone the Summary Care Record Information Line on 0300 123 3020;
- Contact your local Patient Advice Liaison

## **National Opt-Out Facility**

***You can choose whether your confidential patient information is used for research and planning.***

### ***Who can use your confidential patient information for research and planning?***

*It is used by the NHS, local authorities, university and hospital researchers, medical colleges and pharmaceutical companies researching new treatments.*

### ***Making your data opt-out choice***

*You can choose to opt out of sharing your confidential patient information for research and planning. There may still be times when your confidential patient information is used: for example, during an epidemic where there might be a risk to you or to other people's health. You can also still consent to take part in a specific research project.*

### ***Will choosing this opt-out affect your care and treatment?***

*No, your confidential patient information will still be used for your individual care. Choosing to opt out will not affect your care and treatment. You will still be invited for screening services, such as screenings for bowel cancer.*

### ***What should you do next?***

*You do not need to do anything if you are happy about how your confidential patient information is used.*

*If you do not want your confidential patient information to be used for research and planning, you can choose to opt out securely online or through a telephone service.*

***You can change your choice at any time. To find out more or to make your choice visit [nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters](https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters) or call 0300 303 5678***