

Your emergency care summary

We are writing to inform you that the NHS in England has introduced the Summary Care Record, which will be used in emergency care. The record will contain information about any medicines you are taking, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines you have had to ensure those caring for you have enough information to treat you safely. Your summary care record will be **available to authorised healthcare staff providing your care anywhere in England only** but they will ask your permission before they look at it. This means that if you have an accident or become ill, **healthcare staff** treating you will have immediate access to certain important information about your health.

This practice is supporting Summary Care Records and as a patient you have a choice – Please select one of the options and return this form to the practice:

- I give consent for medications, allergies and additional medical information to be shared via SCR
- I give consent for medications and allergies only to be shared via SCR
- I wish to opt out of SCR (*Please ask for a form from reception when you return this document*)

Electronic Patient Record Sharing (EDSM)

When you are seen by other Healthcare Professionals you can choose to permit or restrict access to information entered into your record at each of the Healthcare organisations that you attend. You will be asked to give sharing consent at each organisation at which you receive care and your consent can be changed at any time.

Do you consent to sharing of data recorded here with any other organisations that may care for you?

- Yes – Share data
- No – Do not share data

Do you consent to us viewing data recorded by other organisations that may care for you?

- Consent given
- Consent Refused

If you need more time to make your choice you should let us know.

Additional copies of the opt out form can be collected from the practice, printed from the website www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk or requested from the dedicated NHS Summary Care Records Information Line on 0300 123 3020. You can choose not to have a Summary Care Record and you can change your mind at any time by informing your GP practice.

Children under 16 will automatically have a Summary Care Record created for them unless their parent or guardian completes an opt out form on their behalf requesting us to consider opting them out. If you are the parent or guardian of a child under 16 and feel that they are old enough to understand then you should make this information available to them. If you do not return this form after 12 weeks your Summary Care Records will be marked as 'implied consent' however **we encourage patients to give or refuse their consent by informing the practice**. For more information please ask at the practice, visit the website noted above or telephone the dedicated NHS Summary Care Record Information line on 0300 123 3020. **If you have already received this letter and responded to this please just discard this letter.**

Signature _____

Full Name _____ Date of birth _____