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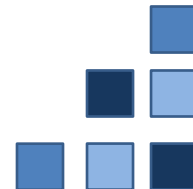
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SUMMARY CARE RECORD

Your Summary Care Record (SCR) is a copy of key information held in your GP record. It provides authorised healthcare staff with faster, secure access to essential information about you when you need unplanned care or when your GP practice is closed.

Summary Care Records will assist healthcare staff who may be treating you now and in the future. This can improve your experience of care and also the safety and quality of that care.

About your Summary Care Record

Your Summary Care Record contains important information about any medicines you are taking, any allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines that you have previously experienced.

Allowing authorised healthcare staff to have access to this information will improve decision making by doctors and other healthcare professionals and has prevented mistakes being made when patients are being cared for in an emergency or when their GP practice is closed.

Your Summary Care Record also includes your name, address, date of birth and your unique NHS Number to help identify you correctly.

How do Summary Care Records Help Me?

Healthcare staff will have access to information about any medicines you are taking, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines you have had.

This means that healthcare staff can provide safer care whenever or wherever you need it, anywhere in England, as they can reference key information that otherwise would not be available to them.

Who can see my Summary Care Records?

Healthcare staff who have access to your Summary Care Record ...

- need to be directly involved in caring for you.
- need to have an NHS Smartcard with a chip and passcode.
- will only see the information they need to do their job and
- will have their details recorded every time they look at your record.

Healthcare staff will ask for your permission every time they need to look at your Summary Care Record. If they cannot ask you (for example if you are unconscious or otherwise unable to communicate), healthcare staff may look at your record without asking you because they consider that this is in your best interest. If they have to do this, this will be recorded and checked to ensure that the access was appropriate.

Your Choices

If you choose to have a Summary Care Record and are registered with a GP practice, you do not need to do anything as a Summary Care Record is created for you.

If you choose to opt out of having a Summary Care Record and do not want a SCR, please complete the relevant section in the New Patient Questionnaire.

You can change your mind at any time by simply informing a member of staff at the surgery.

Children and the Summary Care Record

If you are the parent or guardian of a child under 16, you should make the information in this leaflet available to them and support them to come to a decision as to whether to have a Summary Care Record or not.

If you believe that your child should opt-out of having a Summary Care Record, we strongly recommend that you discuss this with your child's GP. This will allow your child's GP to highlight the consequences of opting-out, prior to you finalising your decision.