

SUMMARY CARE RECORD

It is a contractual requirement for GP practices to provide an electronic record which is to be uploaded to the NHS central computer system (this is different to the care.data programme). This practice is therefore taking steps to provide this automated upload in the coming weeks.

Summary Care Records (SCR) was introduced to improve the safety and quality of patient care. Because the SCR is an electronic record, it will give healthcare staff faster, easier access to essential information about you, to help provide you with safe treatment when you need care in an emergency or when your GP practice is closed.

The SCR will contain:

- Information about medicines you are taking, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines that you have had.
- Your SCR will also include your name, address, date of birth and your NHS Number to help identify you correctly. You may want to add other details about your care to your SCR. This will only happen if you ask for the information to be included.

Healthcare staff who can see your SCR:

- Need to be directly involved in caring for you
- Will only see the information they need to do their job
- Will need to ask your permission every time they need to look at your SCR. If they cannot ask you, for example if you are unconscious or in certain circumstances such as a court order, then healthcare staff may look at your record without asking you if they feel it is in your best interests. If they have to do this, they will make a note in your records.

What do I do now?

The NHS did write to all patients regarding this so if you did opt out at the time, you do not need to do so again. If you have opted out of the care.data programme, **you will still need to opt out of the Summary Care Records** if you wish to opt out of this also.

- If you are happy for us to make a Summary Care Record for you, you do not need to do anything, we will automatically make one for you
- If you do not want us to make a Summary Care Record for you, please fill in an opt-out form and return it to your GP practice – opt out forms are available in reception and on our website.

For further information, please phone the Summary Care Record Information Line on 0845 300 6016 or visit website www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk