

We offer our patients the choice of having a Summary Care Record.

The new NHS Summary Care Record has been introduced to help deliver better and safer care and give you more choice about who you share your healthcare information with.

What is the NHS Summary Care Record?

The Summary Care Record contains basic information about:

- **any allergies you may have,**
- **unexpected reactions to medications,**
- **and any prescriptions you have recently received.**

The intention is to help clinicians in A & E Departments and 'Out of Hours' health services to give you safe, timely and effective treatment. Clinicians will only be allowed to access your record if they are authorised to do so and, even then, only if you give your express permission. You will be asked if healthcare staff can look at your Summary Care Record every time they need to, unless it is an emergency, for instance if you are unconscious. You can refuse if you think access is unnecessary.

Children under the age of 16

Patients under 16 years will not receive this form, but will have a Summary Care Record created for them unless their GP surgery is advised otherwise. **If you are the parent or guardian of a child then please either make this information available to them or decide and act on their behalf. Ask the surgery for additional forms if you want to opt them out.**

You do not have to have a Summary Care Record, although you are strongly recommended to consider this choice. If you are happy for a Summary Care Record to be set up for you then you need take no further action. If you want to opt-out now please tick the box below and return it to Reception as soon as possible.

If you want a Summary Care Record please destroy this form or hand it to the Surgery for recycling.

Please tick the box and sign below if you do not want a Summary Care Record and return give it to the Receptionist

No I do not want a Summary Care Record Date _____

YOUR NAME: _____ Signed _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

***Hand this form in at your Surgery
only if you wish to "Opt-Out" or
want it recycled***

For more information visit www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk or call if you cannot find the answers to your questions 0300 123 3020.