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Dear Patient

Patient choices regarding sharing of health records

Electronic records are kept in all the places where you receive healthcare. Often, NHS care services can usually only share information from those records by letter email, fax or phone. At times, this can slow down your treatment and mean information is hard to access.

This service uses a secure computer system that allows the sharing of full electronic records across different NHS care services. This form is **not** about your Summary Care Record (SCR), it is asking your sharing preferences regarding your full detailed electronic record.

We are telling you about this, as you have a choice to make. You can choose to share or not to share your full electronic record with other NHS care services where you are treated and whether we can view records held by those other services.

If you choose to make your record shareable, ***your clinical details will only be viewable by clinical teams who are treating you. Each clinical team which cares for you now or in the future will ask your permission to view your shared record.*** You can also ask for part of your record to be made private – not shareable. All record accesses are recorded and auditable.

If you choose not to make your records shareable, we will respect your wishes and will do our best to make your care safe and efficient. However, ***denying the clinical teams caring for you the ability to access important clinical details could compromise your care.***

If you require further information please ask at reception. You can also visit the NHS Care records website at <http://www.nhs.gov.uk/care-records> or download the NHS Care Record Guarantee from <http://www.nhs.gov.uk/pubs/nhscreg.pdf>.

Q: How is my decision recorded?

A: You have two choices:

Sharing Out – This controls whether your full electronic patient record can be shared with other NHS care services where you are treated. Please record your preference:

Please tick: **Sharing Out** Yes (shareable) or **No** (not shareable)

Sharing In – This controls whether you agree for this practice to view information you've agreed to share at other NHS care services. Please record your preference:

Please tick: **Sharing In** Yes (viewable) or **No** (not viewable)

Patient Name (Print Name): _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ NHS Number (if known) _____

Date: ____/____/____

You can change your mind at any time – just let us know.