



Data Sharing

Introduction

This leaflet explains why information is collected about you, the ways in which this information may be used and who will be collecting it. More information on these extractions can be found on the surgery website: www.blackthornhealthcentre.co.uk.

Summary Care Record (SCR)

If you decide to have a SCR, it will contain important information about any medicines you are taking, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines that you have had. This does not include diagnosis or procedures.

Giving healthcare staff access to this information can prevent mistakes being made when caring for you in an emergency or when your GP practice is closed. Your Summary Care Record will also include your name, address, date of birth and your unique NHS Number to help identify you correctly. If you and your GP decide to include more information it can be added, but only with your express permission.

For more information visit: www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk or Phone 0300 123 3020.

Hampshire Health Record (HHR)

The HHR is an electronic summary record for people living in Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton. GP Surgeries, hospitals, social care and community care teams collect information about you and store it electronically on separate computer systems. The Hampshire Health Record stores summary information from these organisations in one place so that – with your consent – professionals can view it to deliver better care to you. This record contains more information than the SCR, but is only available to organisations in Hampshire.

For more information visit: www.hantshealthrecord.nhs.uk.

Medical Interoperability Gateway (MIG)

The MIG project enables GPs to see information recorded by the community teams about a patient, and for community staff (such as the District Nurses) to see information recorded by the GPs without having to log onto or to search for the patient in another system.

Secondary use of GP Patient Identifiable Data

This includes any extractions that the surgery legally has to provide, such as the Med3 data provided to the Department of Work & Pensions.

More info on this extraction can be found on the surgery website: www.blackthornhealthcentre.co.uk.

Health Check Programme

To ensure you receive the best possible care, you may be contacted to invite you to participate in health improvement programmes, for example the NHS Health Check, a cardiovascular disease prevention programme for people aged 40-74 not previously diagnosed with cardiovascular disease. We may invite you for an appointment using a data processor who works entirely under our direction. Nobody outside the practice will see confidential information about you during the invitation process.

For more information visit: www.healthcheck.nhs.uk.

Audits with Section 251 Approval

This extraction is mainly around anonymized research requests, but can contain identifiable patient info.

More info on this extraction can be found on the surgery website: www.blackthornhealthcentre.co.uk.

As the Data Controller for patients of Blackthorn Health Centre, we maintain our legal duty of confidentiality to you at all times. We will only ever use or pass on information about you if others involved in your care have a genuine need for it. We will not disclose your information to third parties without your permission unless there are exceptional circumstances, such as when the health or safety of others is at risk or where the law requires information to be passed on.

You have a right under the Data Protection Act 1998 to find out what information we hold about you. This is known as 'the right of subject access'. If you would like to make a subject access request, please do so in writing to the practice manager. If you would like to know more about how we use your information, or if you do not want us to use your information in this way, please contact the practice manager.

The law requires Doctors to provide some very limited information about certain things. The law says, for example, that Doctors must provide information to local authorities about some infectious diseases, e.g. if you had food poisoning. Very rarely, Doctors may be required to disclose information in order to detect a serious crime. Likewise, a court order can require Doctors to disclose certain information during a court case.

Benefits of sharing information

Sharing information can help improve understanding, responses to different treatments and potential solutions. Sharing information will also help to:

- Provide better information to out of hours and emergency services
- Prevent prescribing of medication to which you may already have an allergy
- Make more informed prescribing decisions about drugs and dosages as well as avoiding unnecessary duplication in prescribing
- Increase clinician confidence when providing care
- Results of investigations, such as X-rays and laboratory tests
- Reduce referrals, ambulance journey admissions, tests, time wastage and visits to healthcare premises
- Find out and update basic details about you, such as addresses and telephone numbers and e-mail addresses

Do I have a choice?

Yes. You have the right to prevent confidential information about you from being shared or used for any purpose other than providing your care, except in special circumstances. If you do not want information that identifies you to be shared outside this Practice, complete the sheet enclosed in this leaflet. This will prevent your confidential information being used other than where necessary by law.

Objecting on behalf of others

If you are a carer and have a Lasting Power of Attorney for health and welfare then you can object on behalf of the patient who lacks capacity. If you do not hold a Lasting Power of Attorney then you can raise your specific concerns with the patient's GP.

If you have parental responsibility and your child is not able to make an informed decision for themselves, then you can make a decision about information sharing on behalf of your child. If your child is competent then this must be their decision.

Do I need to do anything to opt-out?

Note your decisions on the enclosed form and return to Reception. You can change your mind at any time, just complete another form.