

Local Patient Record Network

Opt Out Form



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Improving your care through the appropriate sharing of information



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This practice is a member of the GP Care Local Patient Record Network.

Where your health and wellbeing is concerned, the doctors and nurses at this practice understand that your safety is the number one priority.

Current Practice

Whenever you visit your surgery during normal working hours, the doctor you see has access to your full medical history.

However, if you require medical attention when your surgery is closed, the doctors at Accident & Emergency wards and Out of Hours centres have no access to your history.

It is quite common that when a patient attends hospital in the middle of the night, they can be confused, in severe pain or even unconscious. If a patient is not able to communicate properly, it can have a dramatic effect on how they are treated.

A safer future

It is only recently that technology has been put in place which allows your medical notes to be shared with doctors in your local Out of Hours care centre and A&E departments.

This means that, should you require medical attention when your surgery is closed, a doctor can ask for your permission to view

your medical record to help treat you more safely and effectively.

Who can access my medical record?

Your medical record may be made available to **approved** urgent and emergency NHS care services in the region, should you need their help. In such circumstances the **approved** urgent or emergency services concerned are required to get your consent to view your medical record before accessing it, unless you are unconscious or incapable of giving explicit consent. All such instances of urgent or emergency services access to your records are logged and automatically notified to us here at the practice so that, where appropriate, we can double check that there was a legitimate reason for the access.

How does it work?

The Patient Record Network is made possible using highly sophisticated computer software called EMIS Web. EMIS has provided computer systems to GP surgeries for 30 years and is the market leader in the UK.

EMIS Web is highly secure and shares information across an "NHS only" web platform. EMIS Web does **not** transfer any information using publicly available internet gateways.

Patient Choice

We believe that sharing this information will improve the quality of healthcare you receive, when you receive NHS treatment outside the surgery, but the choice to share this information is yours.

If you do not wish us to share your record in this way please complete the 'Opt Out' form on the back of this leaflet. However, we recommend that you consider your choice very carefully before opting out and to discuss it with your GP first.

Further Information

If you would like to discuss this further please contact the practice manager who will be happy to provide you with more information on this initiative.

You can also read more about this initiative on the internet. Please visit:

www.emis-online.com/emis-web

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Dear Practice Manager,

Re: Opting Out of the Local Patient Record Network

I would like my entire Medical Record to be withheld from the Local Patient Record Network.

I understand this means that, should I ever require urgent medical attention in a local hospital or Out of Hours centre, the clinician responsible for my immediate care may not be able to access areas of my medical record which might otherwise assist in providing me with high quality care.

Should I change my mind and participate in this local healthcare network, I agree to make a further request in writing.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____
