

Dear patient,

we have been asked to share the following important information with you.

This practice is supporting vital health and care planning and research by sharing your data with NHS Digital. For more information about this see the GP Practice Privacy Notice for [General Practice Data for Planning and Research](#)." =

<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/general-practice-data-for-planning-and-research>

**This collection will start on 1 July 2021**

If you do not want your data to be shared with NHS Digital please register your Type 1 Opt-out with your GP practice by **23 June 2021**.

What data is shared:

Data may be shared from the GP medical records about:

- any living patient registered at a GP practice in England when the collection started - this includes children and adults
- any patient who died after 1 July 2021, and was previously registered at a GP practice in England when the data collection started

NHS Digital will not collect patients' names or addresses. Any other data that could directly identify patients (such as NHS Number, date of birth, full postcode) is replaced with unique codes which are produced by de-identification software before the data is shared with NHS Digital.

This process is called **pseudonymisation** and means that **patients will not be identified directly in the data**. NHS Digital will be able to use the software to convert the unique codes back to data that **could directly identify patients in certain circumstances**, and where there is a valid legal reason.

If you would prefer that your identifiable patient data is only shared for your own health care purposes, **you can opt-out** by registering a [Type 1 Opt-out](#) or a [National Data Opt-out](#), or **both**.

**These opt-outs are different** and they are explained in more detail below. Your individual care will not be affected if you opt-out using either option (or both).

**A Type 1 opt out** has to be registered by your Practice; please let us know if you want to register a type 1 opt out.

**A National Opt out** can be done without contacting your practice, at <https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/>

### **Type 1 Opt-out (opting out of NHS Digital collecting your data)**

NHSD will not collect data from GP practices about patients who have **registered a Type 1 Opt-out with their practice**. More information about Type 1 Opt-outs is in the [GP Data for Planning and Research Transparency Notice](#), including a form that you can complete and send to your GP practice.

**This collection will start on 1 July 2021** so if you do not want your data to be shared with NHS Digital, please register your Type 1 Opt-out with your GP practice by **23 June 2021**.

If you register a Type 1 Opt-out after this collection has started, no more of your data will be shared with NHSD. They will however still hold the patient data which was shared before you registered the Type 1 Opt-out.

If you **do not want NHS Digital to share your identifiable patient data with anyone else** for purposes beyond your own care, then you can also register a National Data Opt-out.

### **National Data Opt-out (opting out of NHS Digital sharing your data with other organizations)**

NHSD will collect data from GP medical records about patients who have registered a National Data Opt-out. The National Data Opt-out applies to identifiable patient data about your health, which is called confidential patient information.

NHS Digital won't share any confidential patient information about you - this includes GP data, or other information, such as hospital data - with other organisations, unless there is an exemption to this.

To find out more information and how to register a National Data Opt-Out, please read NHSD [GP Data for Planning and Research Transparency Notice](#).

= <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/general-practice-data-for-planning-and-research/transparency-notice>

Dear Patient

The data held in your GP medical records is shared with other healthcare professionals for the purposes of your individual care. It can also be shared with other organisations to support health and care planning and research.

If you do not want your personally identifiable patient data to be shared outside of your GP practice for purposes except your own care, you can register an opt-out with your GP practice. This is known as a Type 1 Opt-out.

**You may also wish to register a National Data Opt-out which is not done at GP practice level;** for this, you must contact NHS Digital - more information about the National Data Opt-out is here: <https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/>

You can use this form to:

- register a Type 1 Opt-out, for yourself or for a dependent (if you are the parent or legal guardian of the patient) (to **Opt-out**)
- withdraw an existing Type 1 Opt-out, for yourself or a dependent (if you are the parent or legal guardian of the patient) if you have changed your preference (**Opt-in**)

**This decision will not affect individual care and you can change your choice at any time, using this form. This form, once completed, should be sent to your GP practice by email or post.**

**Details of the patient**

Title	
Forename(s)	
Surname	
Address	
Phone number	
Date of birth	
NHS Number (if known)	

**Details of parent or legal guardian**

If you are filling in this form on behalf of a dependent e.g. a child, the GP practice will first check that you have the authority to do so. Please complete the details below:

Name	
Address	
Relationship to patient	

Your decision

**Opt-out**

I do not allow my identifiable patient data to be shared outside of the GP practice for purposes except my own care.

**Withdraw Opt-out (Opt back in)**

I do allow my identifiable patient data to be shared outside of the GP practice for purposes beyond my own care.

**(You would only use this if you have previously opted out)**

**Your declaration**

I confirm that:

- the information I have given in this form is correct
- I am the parent or legal guardian of the dependent person I am making a choice for set out above (if applicable)

Signature

Date signed

**When complete, please post or send by email to your GP practice**

**For GP Practice Use Only**

Date received		
Date applied		
Tick to select the codes applied	<b>Opt – Out - Dissent code:</b> 9Nu0 (827241000000103  Dissent from secondary use of general practitioner patient identifiable data (finding) )	
	<b>Opt – In - Dissent withdrawal code:</b> 9Nu1 (827261000000102  Dissent withdrawn for secondary use of general practitioner patient identifiable data (finding) )	