

# Privacy Notice

## Ecclesfield Group Practice

From 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### How we use your personal information

This Privacy Notice explains why the GP practice collects information about you and how that information may be used.

Health care professionals who provide you with care maintain records about your health and any treatment or care you have received previously (e.g. NHS Trust, GP Surgery, Walk-in clinic, etc.). These records are used to help to provide you with the best possible healthcare.

NHS health care records may be electronic, on paper or a mixture of both, and we use a combination of working practices and technology to ensure that your information is kept confidential and secure.

Records this GP Practice hold about you may include the following information;

- Details about you, such as your name, address, carers, legal representatives and emergency contact details
- Any contact the surgery has had with you, such as appointments, clinic visits, emergency appointments, etc
- Notes and reports about your health
- Details about your treatment and care
- Hospital Discharge letters, results of investigations such as laboratory tests, x-rays, etc
- Relevant information from other health professionals, relatives or those who care for you

To ensure you receive the best possible care, your records are used to facilitate the care you receive. Information held about you may be used to help protect the health of the public and to help us manage the NHS. Information may be

used within the GP practice for clinical audit to monitor the quality of the service provided.

Some of this information will be held centrally and used for statistical purposes. Where we do this, we take strict measures to ensure that individual patients cannot be identified.

Sometimes your information may be requested to be used for research purposes – the surgery will always gain your consent before releasing the information for this purpose. The link below explains more about how the NHS will be giving you the option to specifically opt-out of such programmes.

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out-programme>

## **Medicines Management**

The Practice may conduct Medicines Management Reviews of medications prescribed to its patients. This service performs a review of prescribed medications to ensure patients receive the most appropriate, up to date and cost effective treatments.

### **How do we maintain the confidentiality of your records?**

We are committed to protecting your privacy and will only use information collected lawfully in accordance with:

- Data Protection Act 1998 and General Data Protection Regulation 2016
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Common Law Duty of Confidentiality
- Health and Social Care Act 2012
- NHS Codes of Confidentiality, Information Security and Records Management
- Information: To Share or Not to Share Review

Every member of staff who works for an NHS organisation has a legal obligation to keep information about you confidential.

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 any third party without your permission unless there are exceptional circumstances (i.e. life or death situations), where the law requires information to be passed on and / or in accordance with the new information sharing principle following Dame Fiona Caldicott's information sharing review (Information to share or not to share) where "The duty to share information can be as important as the duty to protect patient confidentiality."

This means that health and social care professionals should have the confidence to share information in the best interests of their patients within the framework set out by the Caldicott principles. They should be supported by the policies of their employers, regulators and professional bodies.

### **Who are our partner organisations?**

Therefore, we may also have to share your information, subject to strict agreements on how it will be used. These organisations are signed up to a Sheffield/South Yorkshire sharing agreement.

The practice may make your data available to local organisations that are treating you to ensure you have the best possible care. These organisations should ask you for your consent for them to see this at the point of contact. You do not have to give them consent to view your personal data should you not wish them to do so.

Your data will not be shared by us for management purposes. If you are not happy with this arrangement speak to our practice staff, or management team and we can remove the option to share your record. Please be aware that this will remove access for all third party organisations.

### **Access to personal information**

You have a right under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2016 to request access to view or to obtain copies of what information the surgery holds about you and to have it amended should it be inaccurate. In order to request this please refer to our GDPR Policy which explains our legal obligations to respond to Subject Access Requests.

## **Objections / Complaints**

Should you have any concerns about how your information is managed at the GP, please contact our Practice Manager, Michelle Payling. If you are still unhappy following a review by the GP practice, you can then complain to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) via their website ([www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)).

If you are happy for your data to be extracted and used for the purposes described in this privacy notice then you do not need to do anything.

If you have any concerns about how your data is shared then please contact the practice.

## **Change of Details**

It is important that you tell the person treating you if any of your details such as your name or address have changed or if any of your details such as date of birth is incorrect in order for this to be amended. You have a responsibility to inform us of any changes so our records are accurate and up to date for you.

## **Notification**

GDPR 2016 requires organisations to register a notification with the Information Commissioner to describe the purposes for which they process personal and sensitive information.

This information is publicly available on the Information Commissioners Office website [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

The practice is registered with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO).

## **Who is the Data Controller?**

The Data Controller, responsible for keeping your information secure and confidential is our Practice Manager, Michelle Payling

## Who is the Data Protection Officer?

Caroline Million

Independent DPO and IG Specialist

## Complaints

Should you have any concerns about how your information is managed by the Practice please contact the Practice or Practice Manager at 96a Mill Road, Sheffield S35 9XQ Tel: 246 9030.

If you are still unhappy following a review by the Practice you can then complain to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO). [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk), casework@ico.org.uk, telephone: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745.