

# Children and health data

- Under the Data Protection Act 2018 & GDPR children **aged 13 and over** are able to give consent to share their information. If you are a parent/guardian and you request a copy of your child's medical record, consultation, or test results, the practice should obtain consent from your child and ensure they understand the content of information before releasing it.
- **Sixteen** is the normal age from which individuals can manage their own healthcare, at **16** they do not have to be declared competent, \*Make sure you check your contact details are up to date as your child might now have their own contact number to provide to the practice.
- If you have already decided that your child is competent to provide their own consent then it will usually be reasonable to assume they are also competent to exercise their own data protection rights.
- If your child is competent then, just like an adult, they may authorise someone else to act on their behalf. This could be a parent, another adult, or a representative such as a child advocacy service, charity or solicitor.
- Even if a child is too young to understand the implications of their rights, they are still their rights, rather than anyone else's such as a parent or guardian.
- Parents are allowed to exercise these rights on behalf of a child if the child authorises them to do so, when the child does not have sufficient understanding to exercise the rights him or herself, or when it is evident that this is in the best interests of the child.



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- Your summary care record is an electronic record of your healthcare history (and other relevant personal information) held on a national healthcare records database provided and facilitated by NHS England. This record may be shared with other healthcare professionals and additions to this record may also be made by relevant healthcare professionals and organisations involved in your direct healthcare.
- You may have the right to demand that this record is not shared with anyone who is not involved with your direct healthcare. If you wish to receive further information as to your rights in respect of not sharing this information on this record then please contact our Data Protection Officer, [kelly@almc.co.uk](mailto:kelly@almc.co.uk)

## HOW TO COMPLAIN

- If you have a concern about the way we handle your personal data or you have a complaint about what we are doing, with your data or how we have used or handled your personal and/or healthcare information, then please contact our Data Protection Officer [kelly@almc.co.uk](mailto:kelly@almc.co.uk) .
- We really want to make sure you're happy, but we understand that sometimes things can go wrong. If you or your parents or adults with parental responsibility are unhappy with any part of our data-processing methods, you can complain. For more information, visit [ico.org.uk](http://ico.org.uk) and select 'Raising a concern'. We always make sure the information we give you is up to date. Any updates will be published here on our website, and on our leaflets. You also have a right to raise any concern or complaint with the UK information regulator:  
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