

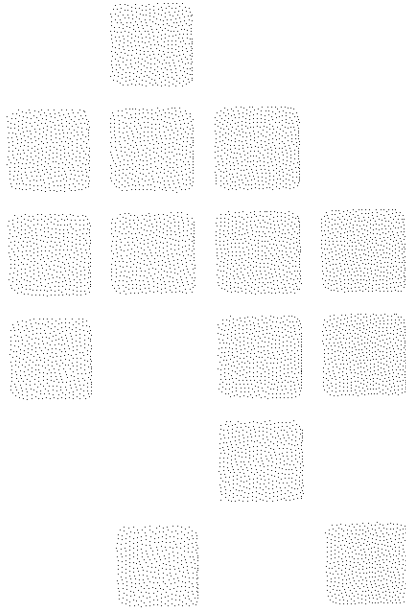


Who will my patient record be shared with?

The One Care agreement will enable staff in **local** GP practices, the OOH service and other NHS providers to access your whole patient record. It will **only** be shared with healthcare professionals who are treating you or administrative staff who book your appointments.

Who are One Care?

A number of GP practices in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire have come together to form One Care Consortium. BrisDoc, the local Out of Hours (OOH) service, and GP Care, a provider of services to NHS patients in the area, are also members of the Consortium.



Data Controller

One Care and your own GP Practice are the **Data Controllers in common**, responsible for keeping your information confidential. Each Data Controller remains individually responsible for the processing that they have carried out on your personal data.

If you have any questions, or are not happy for your information to be shared, please contact either your own GP practice or the One Care Head of Governance on 0117 941 0900 or email: enquiries@onecareconsortium.co.uk

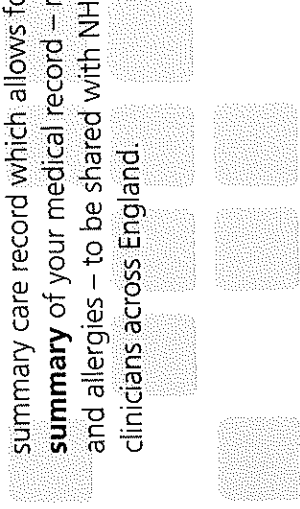
If you have any further questions about what this new agreement means for you as a patient, please visit www.onecareconsortium.co.uk/datasharing or contact your GP practice directly.

What is data sharing?

Wherever you visit an NHS service, a patient record is created for you. This means that your medical information can be held electronically in various places. This includes your GP practice, the GP Out of Hours (OOH) Service, and anywhere else you've had treatment.

EMIS, the electronic information system used by your GP practice, also has the ability to share your patient record with **other local** healthcare providers. Sharing your most up to date medical information with them helps to ensure continuity of care for you, and that those carrying out your care can be as effective and efficient as possible.

In order to share your record with these other healthcare providers, we are asking your practice to sign a data sharing agreement. This is a **local** agreement and is separate from **national** data sharing projects such as the summary care record which allows for a **brief summary** of your medical record – medication and allergies – to be shared with NHS clinicians across England.



What information is being shared?

One Care's data sharing agreement enables those who are treating you to access appropriate information so they can make the right decisions about your care. The following information is stored on your patient record and will be available to other professionals involved in your care:

- Basic details, such as your name, age and address
- Past appointments you have had
- Notes and reports about your health and any treatment and care you have received
- Test results
- Professional opinions of the staff caring for you

Being able to view information about your past medical treatment allows healthcare professionals to make safe and effective decisions regarding the care you will need in the future. They will also be able to add their own consultation notes.

If there are specific entries in your record that you do not wish to be shared with clinicians in other organisations, you can ask your doctor to mark these as private.

What is consent?

You have the right to restrict or give your consent to how and with whom your medical record is shared. The decision to refuse consent for data sharing must be noted explicitly within your records so that all healthcare professionals and staff treating you are aware of it. Choosing this option may, however, affect the care offered to you, so it's best to discuss this with your GP practice.

You can opt out of different levels of data sharing independently. For example, you could choose to share your patient record through your practice with other local healthcare providers but still opt out of the national summary care record.

How will my information be protected?

All patient information is subject to very strict security controls. Every time your personal information is accessed, this activity is recorded electronically.

All staff in GP-led organisations receive training and regular updates about how to handle patient information and they are bound by a legal duty to keep information confidential.

Your details are treated with the strictest confidence and cannot be accessed without your consent. One Care is committed to ensuring that personal data is protected and that all information is handled responsibly in order to maintain the highest levels of patient privacy and security.

What choice do I have about sharing my patient record?

Staff from One Care NHS healthcare providers will:

- **ask you** before accessing your patient record
- **discuss with you** what information they are accessing and why this will improve your care and treatment
- **listen** if you have any concerns you'd like to ask about

If you have already chosen to opt out of local data sharing agreements, your current preferences will continue to be in place.

Do I need to do anything?

If you are happy for your information to be shared as described in this leaflet, you do not need to do anything. Remember that you can change your mind at any time.