

Confidential Information and how it is used:

Your health records contain a type of data called confidential patient information. This data can be used to help with research and planning.

Confidential patient information is when 2 types of information from your health records are joined together.

The 2 types of information are:

- something that can identify you
- something about your health care or treatment

For example, your name joined with what medicine you take.

Identifiable information on its own is used by health and care services to contact patients and this is not confidential patient information.

The staff at Kennedy Way Surgery may use your confidential patient information to help with your treatment and care within the surgery and when making onward referrals to other NHS departments.

Confidential patient information might also be used within the NHS to:

- plan and improve health and care services
- research and develop cures for serious illnesses

Your choice

You can choose to stop your confidential patient information being used for research and planning. You can also make a choice for someone else like your children under the age of 13.

To opt out of having your confidential patient information being used for research and planning or to find out more about how your confidential patient information may be used please go to the following website:

<https://nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters>

If you're happy with your confidential patient information being used for research and planning you do not need to do anything.

Any choice you make will not impact your individual care.

Summary Care Record

A summary care record is an electronic record which contains information about the medicines you take, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines you have had.

Having this information stored in one place makes it easier for healthcare staff to treat you in an emergency, or when your GP practice is closed.

The GPs at Kennedy Way Surgery recommend that everyone takes part and allows this information to be “uploaded”.

The information could be used at the scene of a medical emergency. When calling for emergency assistance the paramedic crew will be able to determine any chronic conditions you may have by checking the prescribed medication. This will allow them to establish how best to treat you.

They will also be able to see whether you have any allergies or adverse reactions to drugs they may consider administering to you at the scene. We think this is beneficial both to the patient and emergency services alike.

However, it is solely your choice whether you wish to share this information. If you would prefer for this information to be withheld or to find out more about the wider use of confidential personal information and to register your choice to opt out if you do not want your data to be used in this way, please visit:

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