

How your information is shared so that this practice can meet legal requirements

The law requires Forest Practice to share information from your medical records in certain circumstances. Information is shared so that the NHS or Public Health England can, for example:

- plan and manage services;
- check that the care being provided is safe;
- prevent infectious diseases from spreading.

We will share information with NHS Digital, the Care Quality Commission and local health protection team (or Public Health England) when the law requires us to do so. Please see below for more information.

We must also share your information if a court of law orders us to do so.

NHS Digital

- NHS Digital is a national body which has legal responsibilities to collect information about health and social care services.
- It collects information from across the NHS in England and provides reports on how the NHS is performing. These reports help to plan and improve services to patients.
- This practice must comply with the law and will send data to NHS Digital, for example, when it is told to do so by the Secretary of State for Health or NHS England under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
- More information about NHS Digital and how it uses information can be found at: <u>https://digital.nhs.uk/home</u>
- NHS Digital sometimes shares names and addresses of patients suspected of committing immigration offences with the Home Office. More information on this can be found here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/information-requestsfrom-the-home-office-to-nhs-digital</u>



Care Quality Commission (CQC)

- The CQC regulates health and social care services to ensure that safe care is provided.
- The law says that we must report certain serious events to the CQC, for example, when patient safety has been put at risk.
- For more information about the CQC see: <u>http://www.cqc.org.uk/</u>

Public Health

- The law requires us to share data for public health reasons, for example to prevent the spread of infectious diseases or other diseases which threaten the health of the population.
- We will report the relevant information to local health protection team or Public Health England.
- For more information about Public Health England and disease reporting see: <u>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/notifiable-diseases-and-causative-organisms-how-to-report</u>



We are required by law to provide you with the following information about how we handle your information and our legal obligations to share data.

Data Controller	Forest Practice
	26 Pyrles Lane
	Loughton
	IG102NH
	02085084580
Data Protection Officer	Barry Moult & Tania Palmariellodiviney
	BJM IG Privacy & Data Privacy Simplified
	hweicbenh.dpo-gpcontractedservice@nhs.net
Purpose of the	Compliance with legal obligations or court order.
processing	
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Lawful basis for	The following sections of the GDPR mean that we can share
processing	information when the law tells us to.
processing	
	Article 6(1)(c) – 'processing is necessary for compliance with a legal
	obligation to which the controller is subject'
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	Article 9(2)(h) – 'processing is necessary for the purpose of
	preventativemedicinethe provision of health or social care or
	treatment or the management of health or social care systems and
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Recipient or categories	The data will be shared with NHS Digital.
of recipients of the	 The data will be shared with the Care Quality Commission
processed data	 The data will be shared with our local health protection team
	or Public Health England.
	 The data will be shared with the court if ordered.
Bights to object and the	There are very limited rights to object when the law requires
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national data opt-out	information to be shared but government policy allows some rights of
	objection as set out below.
	NHS Digital
	You have the right to object to information being shared with
	NHS Digital for reasons other than your own direct care.
	• This is called a 'Type 1' objection – you can ask your practice to
	apply this code to your record.
	 Please note: The 'Type 1' objection, however, will no longer be
	available after 2020.
	 This means you will not be able to object to your data being
	shared with NHS Digital when it is legally required under the
	Health and Social Care Act 2012.
	NHS Digital sharing with the Home Office
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	 There is no right of objection to NHS Digital sharing names and addresses of patients who are suspected of having committed an immigration offence.
	Public health
	 Legally information must be shared under public health legislation. This means that you are unable to object.
	Care Quality Commission
	• Legally information must be shared when the Care Quality Commission needs it for their regulatory functions. This means that you are unable to object.
	Court order
	 Your information must be shared if it ordered by a court. This means that you are unable to object.
Right to access and correct	 You have the right to access your medical record and have any errors or mistakes corrected. Please speak to a member of staff or look at our 'subject access request' policy on the practice website – http://www.forestpractice.co.uk/info.aspx?p=20 We are not aware of any circumstances in which you will have
	the right to delete correct information from your medical record; although you are free to obtain your own legal advice if you believe there is no lawful purpose for which we hold the information and contact us if you hold a different view.
Retention period	GP medical records will be kept in line with the law and national guidance. Information on how long records are kept can be found at: https://digital.nhs.uk/article/1202/Records-Management-Code-of-Practice-for-Health-and-Social-Care-2016
	or speak to the practice.
Right to complain	You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office. If you wish to complain follow this link <u>https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/</u> or call the helpline 0303 123
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