

THE MERRYWOOD PRACTICE

There are currently 3 separate NHS initiatives regarding the way in which it is proposed that information in your medical record is held and shared with other agencies. You should have received a letter regarding the first two. You have not received a letter regarding the third initiative. Information sheets about the third are available from the surgery or from the surgery website **www.nhs.uk/caredata**. As this may seem confusing, we have tried to clarify each separate initiative below and to give you a simple means of opting out of any of them if you wish.

1 'Summary Care Record'

This is a NATIONAL system that will take only medication and allergies information from your record, so that information is available to clinicians if you are taken ill anywhere else in the country.

2 'Connecting Care Record'

This is a LOCAL system that will enable clinicians to look at the key information from your record e.g. if you suffer from diabetes or a heart complaint. Information about this was on the back of the letter about the Summary Care Record. This data will be available to LOCAL (Bristol and eventually Weston) Hospitals and local Out of Hours services, who may deal with you at any time in the future.

3 'care.data' or HSCIC (Health and Social Care Information Centre)

NB You have **not** received a letter about this but you have a choice to make whether to allow your data to go to HSCIC or beyond. **care.data** is a NATIONAL system that will take identifiable patient information from your medical record including your details regarding chronic diseases, height and weight, blood pressure etc into a central system at the HSCIC for central health planning and health research. Hospitals and Social Services are also sending data to HSCIC. Your data may also then be passed on to third parties or companies who may use it for statistical purposes. Please read the leaflet that explains this **before** making a decision on what your wishes are.

You can opt out of your data being transferred out of the practice for any one, or all, of these schemes. If you wish to opt out of any of the above please tick the relevant options, sign below and hand the form to reception.

NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

ADDRESS

1 **I WISH TO OPT OUT OF MY DATA BEING UPLOADED TO THE NATIONAL SUMMARY CARE RECORD**

2 **I WISH TO OPT OUT OF THE LOCAL CONNECTING CARE RECORD**

I HAVE READ THE LEAFLET ABOUT care.data AND:

3 **a) I WISH TO OPT OUT OF MY DATA BEING SENT FROM MY GP PRACTICE TO THE NATIONAL CARE.DATA RECORD**

b) I WISH TO OPT OUT OF MY DATA (FROM ANY SOURCE) BEING PASSED FROM THE NATIONAL CARE.DATA RECORD TO THIRD PARTIES

SIGNATURE

DATED