

ACCESSING YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS AT THE LIGHTHOUSE MEDICAL PRACTICE

Introduction

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, patients (data subjects) have the right to access their data and any supplementary information held by The Lighthouse Medical Practice; this is commonly known as a data subject access request (DSAR). Data subjects have a right to receive:

- Confirmation that their data is being processed
- Access to their personal data
- Access to any other supplementary information held about them

Options for access

As of April 2016, practices have been obliged to allow patient's **access to their health record online**. This service will enable the patient to view coded information held in their health record. Prior to accessing this information, you will have to visit the practice and undertake an identity check before being granted access to your records.

In addition, you can make a request to be provided with copies of your health record. To do so, you must submit a Data Subject Access Request (DSAR) form; this can be submitted electronically and the DSAR form is available on the practice website. Alternatively, a paper copy of the DSAR is available from reception. You will need to submit the form online or return the completed paper copy of the DSAR to the practice. Patients do not have to pay a fee for copies of their records under DSAR but must there are circumstances under which there will be charges.

Time frame

Once the DSAR form is submitted, The Lighthouse Medical Practice will aim to process the request within 21 days; however, this may not always be possible. The maximum time permitted to process DSARs is one calendar month.

Exemptions

There may be occasions when the data controller will withhold information kept in the health record, particularly if the disclosure of such information is likely to cause undue stress or harm to you or any other person.

Data controller

At The Lighthouse Medical Practice the data controller is Dr Tim Caroe and should you have any questions relating to accessing your medical records, please ask to discuss this with the named data controller.

Annex A – Application form for access to health records

APPLICATION FORM FOR ACCESS TO HEALTH RECORDS In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) DATA SUBJECT ACCESS REQUEST

This form must be completed in blue or black ink, and signed in order for us to process your request. We can only accept signed original forms. No emailed copies will be accepted.

Section 1: Patient details

Surname		Maiden name	
Forename		Title (i.e. Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr)	
Date of birth		Address:	
Telephone number		Postcode:	
NHS number (if known)		Email:	
Hospital number (if known)			

Section 2: Record requested

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU REGISTER FOR ONLINE ACCESS YOU CAN VIEW ALL YOUR RECORDS SINCE 2002- This is the quickest way to have access to your records and also allows you to book appointments, view test results and order medication.

Please be specific about the information that you require.

The more specific you can be, the easier it is for us to quickly provide you with the records requested.

Example: Record in respect of treatment for: (e.g. leg injury following a car accident in 2015)

Request

Approved by (Practice to complete this column)

Reason for the request	
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Please provide me with a copy of records between the dates specified below:	
Please provide me with a copy of records relating to the incident specified below:	
Please provide me with a copy of records relating to the condition specified below:	
Please provide me with a copy of all records held	

Section 3: Details and declaration of applicant

Please enter details of applicant if different from Section 1

Surname		Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr)	
Forename(s)		Address	
Telephone number		Postcode	

Declaration

I declare that the information given by me is correct to the best of my knowledge and that I am entitled to apply for access to the

health records referred to above under the terms of the GDPR.

Please tick:

- I am the patient
- I have been asked to act by the patient and attach the patient's written authorisation

- I have full parental responsibility for the patient and the patient is under the age of 18 and:
 - (a) has consented to my making this request, or
 - (b) is incapable of understanding the request (delete as appropriate)
- I have been appointed by the court to manage the patient's affairs and attach a certified copy of the court order appointing me to do so
- I am acting *in loco parentis* and the patient is incapable of understanding the request
- I am the deceased person's Personal Representative and attach confirmation of my appointment (Grant of Probate/Letters of Administration)
- I have written, and witnessed, consent from the deceased person's Personal Representative and attach Proof of Appointment
- I have a claim arising from the person's death (Please state details below)

Signature of applicant: Date:

You are advised that the making of false or misleading statements in order to obtain personal information to which you are not entitled is a criminal offence which could lead to prosecution.

Section 4: Proof of identity

Please indicate how proof of ID has been confirmed. Please select 'A' or 'B':

	Method in which identity is confirmed	Option taken	Documents attached
A	Attached copies of documents as noted in section 4A below	Yes/No	If Yes, please indicate here which documents have been attached
B	Countersignature (section 4B). This should only be completed in exceptional circumstances (e.g. in cases where the above cannot be provided)	Yes/No	Please indicate reason why this section was completed

4A – Evidence

Evidence of the patient’s and/or the patient’s representative identity will be required. Please attach copies of the required documentation to this application form. Examples of required documentation are:

	Type of applicant	Type of documentation
A	An individual applying for his/her own records	One copy of identity required, e.g. copy of birth certificate, passport, driving licence, plus one copy of a utility bill or medical card, etc.
B	Someone applying on behalf of an individual (Representative)	One item showing proof of the patient’s identity and one item showing proof of the representative’s identity (see examples in ‘ A ’ above)
C	Person with parental responsibility applying on behalf of a child	Copy of birth certificate of child & copy of correspondence addressed to person with parental responsibility relating to the patient
D	Power of Attorney/Agent applying on behalf of an individual	Copy of a court order authorising Power of Attorney/Agent plus proof of the patient’s identity (see examples in ‘ A ’ above)

4B – Countersignature

This section is to be completed by someone (other than a member of your family) who can vouch for your identity. This section may be completed if 4A cannot be fulfilled.

I (insert full name).....

Certify that the applicant (insert name).....

Has been known to me personally as foryears
(Insert in what capacity, e.g. employee, client, patient, relative etc.)

and that I have witnessed the signing of the above declaration. I am happy to be contacted if further information is required to support the identity of the applicant as required.

SignedDate

Name Profession.

Address

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Daytime telephone number

Additional notes

Before returning this form, please ensure that you have:

- a) signed and dated this form
- b) enclosed proof of your identity or alternatively confirmed your identity by a countersignature
- c) enclosed documentation to support your request (if applying for another person's records)

Incomplete applications will be returned; therefore please ensure you have the correct documentation before returning the form.