



# Summary Care Records- Information for Patients:

There is a central NHS computer system called the Summary Care Record (SCR). The Summary Care Record is meant to help emergency doctors and nurses help you when you contact them when the surgery is closed. At the moment, it contains your demographic details, your NHS number and information about your medications and allergies.

Later on as the central NHS computer system develops, (known as the 'Summary Care Record' – SCR), other staff who work in the NHS will be able to access it along with information from hospitals, out of hours services, and specialists letters that may be added as well.

Your information will be extracted from practices such as ours and held on central NHS databases.

As with all new systems there are pros and cons to think about. When you speak to an emergency doctor you might overlook something that is important and if they have access to your medical record it might avoid mistakes or problems, although even then, you should be asked to give your consent each time a member of NHS Staff wishes to access your record, unless you are medically unable to do so.

Having an SCR also allows you to benefit from electronic prescribing which is faster and more efficient than using paper prescriptions.



On the other hand, you may have strong views about sharing your personal information and wish to keep your information at the level of this practice. Connecting for Health (CfH), the government agency responsible for the Summary Care Record have agreed with doctors' leaders that new patients registering with this practice should be able to decide whether or not their information is uploaded to the Central NHS Computer System.

For existing patients it is different in that it is assumed that you want your record uploaded to the Central NHS Computer System unless you actively opt out.

For further information visit the [HSCIC website](#).

If you choose to opt out of the scheme, then you will need to complete a form and bring it along to the surgery.

You can download the opt-out form [here](#).

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