

Detailed Care Record FAQ

Is my record shared forever?

No. You can change your mind at any time. If you want to change your mind contact your GP surgery or the service providing your care.

Do I have to share my entire record?

No. You can ask for parts of your record to be made private at the place it was recorded e.g. your GP surgery.

Private information will never be shared unless it is required by law or you give permission.

Do all care providers need to see my record?

No. Some health services will not need to share or view your information e.g. smoking cessation clinics or weight loss programmes.

For further details look on your GP practice website

How to give consent

To improve their care, some patients may have their detailed care record shared automatically. This is called **implied consent**.



If you already have implied consent you will be asked at your next visit if you still want to share your record. This is called **explicit consent**.



You will be asked when you attend a clinic or are visited by a health professional only if they need to look at your detailed care record.

Sharing your detailed care record



What is a detailed care record?

Your care record contains medical information recorded by health workers who have been involved in your care.



This information could include: letters from the hospital, information about your visits, test results, medications, allergies and diagnoses (e.g. Asthma).

Information may have been added to your record at many different care locations.



Should I share my detailed record?

If you have certain health conditions or have to go to hospital a lot then you should share your record.

- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Heart problems
- Mental health conditions
- Breathing problems



Sharing your record means that health workers will have your most up to date information.



This means that you won't have unnecessary tests, have to repeat information or be given drugs that you may be allergic to.

Don't I already share my record?

Detailed care record sharing is different from national sharing schemes such as the **Summary Care Record** and **care.data** as these do not share the full record.

You can find out more about these schemes at www.nhs.uk/caredata