

CONWAY ROAD MEDICAL PRACTICE

National Data Opt-out Policy

Patient Information Sheet:

You can choose whether your confidential patient information is used for **research and planning**. To find out more visit nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters. Or read leaflet available on reception 'Your Data Matters to the NHS'

You do not need to do anything if you are happy about how your confidential patient information is used. You can change your choice at any time.

Resources are available for practice staff to share with patients if they have any questions. When patients ask about opting out:

- refer them to the website nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters
- it's helpful to make sure they know their NHS number
- ensure they have an up-to-date email address or mobile phone number in their GP practice record, as this will be used to verify their identity when they use the service

Practices should check:

- existing posters, leaflet racks and screen display messages for materials that talk about data sharing and remove any which are no longer appropriate - for example, are there still copies of 'Better information means better care' leaflets or posters available that were used at the time of the care.data public campaign? (Care.data was formally closed in 2016, with no data extractions having taken place)
- the practice website (if you have one) for patient information about data sharing and opt-outs to check it is still relevant or whether anything will need to be updated to reflect the materials and information about the national data opt-out
- any patient registration forms that include information on different data uses and opt-outs available
- if there are any existing opt-out request forms in place and whether they are still accurate - for instance, do they offer the patient the ability to record an opt-out to prevent the sharing of data for purposes beyond individual care by NHS Digital (also referred to as a 'type 2' opt-out)

Detailed information for patients:

Sharing your records: your personal information

Information about you is used in a number of ways by the NHS and social care services to support your personal care and to improve health and social care services for everyone.

The NHS Digital (NHSD) is the national NHS organisation with a legal responsibility to collect data as people make use of NHS and social care services. The data is used both at a local level and nationally to help with planning, managing your care, supporting research into new treatments, identifying trends and issues and so forth, and is used to try to make services better for all.

You can, however, choose not to have information about you shared or used for any purpose beyond providing your own treatment or care.

Your right to opt out

You can choose not to have anything that could identify you shared beyond your GP practice (Type 1 objection). You can also choose for the NHSD not to share information it collects from all health providers any further (previously known as Type 2 objection, now National Data Opt-out).

If you have previously told your GP practice that you don't want the NHSD to share your personal confidential information for purposes other than your own care and treatment, your opt-out will have been implemented by the NHSD from July 31 2022. It will remain in place unless you change it.

You can find more information about how the HSCIC handles your information and choices and how it manages your opt-out on the HSCIC website www.hscic.gov.uk/yourinfo

Conway Road Medical Practice

Patient Health Records - Refusal to Consent – Type 1 Objection

Type 1 Objection: I am writing to give notice that I refuse consent for my identifiable information and the identifiable information of those for whom I am responsible (delete as appropriate) to be transferred from your practice systems for any purpose other than our individual medical care.

Please take whatever steps necessary to ensure my confidential personal information is not uploaded and record my dissent by whatever means possible.

This includes adding the 'Dissent from secondary use of GP patient identifiable data' code (Read v2: 9NU0 or SNOMED 827241000000103) to my record.

I am aware of the implications of this request, understand that it will not affect the care we receive and will notify you should I change my mind.

Type 2 Objection (National Data Opt-out): I understand that if I do not want NHS Digital to share confidential patient information that they collect from across the health and care service for purposes other than for my individual care, I must visit nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters or call 0300 303 5678 to action my wishes.

Signature: Date:

Full Name:

Address:

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Postcode:

Date of Birth:

NHS Number (if known):