

DATA COLLECTION AND PROCESSING NOTICE

This practice records information about you, your health and your treatment so that you receive the right care. We record this information so that it is available each time we see you. We have a legal duty to keep the information we record about you confidential.

The information recorded about you may also be used for reasons other than your personal care, for example, to help to protect the health of the general public, to plan for future services, to train staff and to carry out clinical and other research.

We are involved in research that requires access to computerised information from patients' notes. You cannot be identified from these notes by non-practice staff as all personal details (name, address, postcode, full date of birth) are obscured and protected using a computer process called pseudonymisation. Individual patients' records are added into a much larger pseudonymous database from many patients across the UK, which is then used by NHS research staff outside this practice. This data may be linked to other data such as hospital data.

If you would like to opt out of this data collection and processing scheme, please let your doctor know and your records will not be collected for use in research. This will not affect your care in any way.

If anything to do with the research would require that you provide additional information about yourself, you will be contacted by your GP to see if you are willing to take part; you will not be identified in any published results.

You have a right of access to your health records. If at any time you would like to know more, or have any concerns about how we use your information, please ask reception for more details.