

# **THE PORTCHESTER PRACTICE**

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***Do you know what information you have agreed to share about your health and how this may impact the information available to other health and care professionals if they are treating you somewhere other than your GP Practice?***

All patients registered with a GP have a Summary Care Record (SCR), unless they have chosen not to have one. The information held in your SCR gives registered and regulated healthcare professionals, away from your usual GP practice, access to information to provide you with safer care, reduce the risk of prescribing errors and improve your patient experience. Access to SCR information means that care in other settings is safer, reducing the risk of prescribing errors. It also helps avoid delays to urgent care.

Your SCR contains basic (Core) information about allergies and medications and any reactions that you have had to medication in the past, name, date of birth and NHS number of the patient.

Some patients, including many with long term health conditions, have agreed to share their Core Information **AND** Additional Information shared as part of their SCR. This Additional Information includes information about significant medical history (past and present), reasons for medications, care plan information and immunisations. SCR Additional Information is particularly useful for people with complex or long term conditions, or patients reaching end of life.

- Other health and care professionals are the only ones who can see the additional information.
- Your GP records your permission (consent to share it) by ticking a box.
- Specific sensitive information like fertility treatments, sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy terminations and gender reassignment will not be automatically included.

Patients can continue to express an SCR consent preference and they can change their mind at any time.

- ***The SCR can be viewed by health and care staff, and viewing is also available to community pharmacies.***
- ***SCRs can be viewed through clinical systems or through the Summary Care Record application (SCRa) on the Spine web portal,***
- ***From a machine logged in to the secure NHS network, using a smartcard with the appropriate Role Based Access Control codes set.***

Patients should inform their GP practice of their choice or they can complete the 'SCR patient consent preference' form and return to the GP practice.

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/summary-care-records-scr/skr-patient-consent-preference-form>