



Dear Patient

### Summary Care Record – your emergency care summary

The NHS in England is introducing the Summary Care Record, which will be used in emergency care. The record will contain information about any medicines you are taking, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines you have had to ensure those caring for you have enough information to treat you safely.

Your Summary Care Record will be available to authorised healthcare staff providing your care anywhere in England, but they will ask your permission before they look at it. This means that if you have an accident or become ill, the doctors treating you will have immediate access to important information about your health.

Your GP practice is supporting Summary Care Records and as a patient you have a choice:

- **Yes I would like a Summary Care Record** – you do not need to do anything and a Summary Care Record will be created for you.
- **No I do not want a Summary Care Record** –Please complete the form below and hand it to a member of the GP practice staff.

For more information talk to our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) by telephoning 0845 602 4832. Advisers are available Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Please note; lines may be busy at peak times but please leave a message and an advisor will call you back. You can also email the service on [pals@wdpct.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@wdpct.nhs.uk). Alternatively visit the NHS Care Records Service website at [www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk](http://www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk) or telephone the dedicated NHS Summary Care Record Information Line on 0845 603 8510 for more information.

Additional copies of the opt out form can be collected from the GP practice, printed from the website [www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk](http://www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk) or requested from the dedicated NHS Summary Care Record Information Line on 0845 603 8510.

**You can choose not to have a Summary Care Record and you can change your mind at any time by informing your GP practice.**

If you do nothing we will assume that you are happy with these changes and create a Summary Care Record for you. Children under 16 will automatically have a Summary Care Record created for them unless their parent or guardian chooses to opt them out. If you are the parent or guardian of a child under 16 and feel that they are old enough to understand, then you should make this information available to them.

Yours Sincerely  
Cheryl Wilden, Practice Manager

**Request for information to be withheld from the Summary Care Record      OPT-OUT FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date Of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

If you are filling in this form on behalf of another person or child, please provide the following:

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Patient \_\_\_\_\_