

# Parkside Medical Practice

## Privacy/ Fair Processing Notice (Adults)

### Security of information

Confidentiality affects everyone: Parkside Medical Practice collects, stores and uses large amounts of personal and sensitive personal data every day, such as medical records, personal records and computerised information. This data is used by many people in the course of their work.

We take our duty to protect personal information and confidentiality very seriously and we are committed to comply with all relevant legislation and to take all reasonable measures to ensure the confidentiality and security of personal data for which we are responsible, whether computerised or on paper.

At Practice management level, we have appointed a Senior Information Risk Owner Pauline Woodrow who is accountable for the management of all information assets and any associated risks and incidents, and a Caldicott Guardian who is responsible for the management of patient information and patient confidentiality.

### Legal basis for the processing of your data

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018 requires the Practice to process:

**Sensitive personal data** (Health Records) under 9(2)(h) – *“Necessary for the reasons of preventative or occupational medicine, medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services”* and occasionally 9(2)(c) *“when it is necessary to protect the vital interests of a person who is physically or legally incapable of giving consent”*

- Explicit consent
- Employment, social security and social protection (if authorised by law)
- Vital interests – Life and Death
- Made public by the data subject
- Legal claims or judicial acts
- Reasons of substantial public interest (with a basis in law)
- Health or social care (with a basis in law)

Public health (with a basis in law)

**Personal data** under 6(1)(e) *“Necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the Practice (Data Controller)”* and occasionally 6(1)(d) *“when it is necessary to protect the vital interests of a person who is physically or legally incapable of giving consent”*

- Consent: the individual has given clear consent to process their personal data for a specific purpose.

- **Contract:** the processing is necessary for a contract you have with the individual, or because they have asked you to take specific steps before entering into a contract.
- **Legal obligation:** the processing is necessary for you to comply with the law (not including contractual obligations).
- **Vital interests:** Life & Death
- **Public task:** the processing is necessary for you to perform a task in the public interest or for your official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law.

## Why do we collect information about you?

All clinicians and health and social care professionals caring for you keep records about your health and any treatment and care you receive from the NHS. These records help to ensure that you receive the best possible care. They may be paper or electronic and they may include:

- Basic details about you such as name, address, email address, NHS number, date of birth, next of kin, etc.
- Contact we have had with you such as appointments or clinic visits.
- Notes and reports about your health, treatment and care – A&E visits, in patient spells or clinic appointments
- Details of diagnosis and treatment given
- Information about any allergies or health conditions.
- Results of x-rays, scans and laboratory tests.
- Relevant information from people who care for you and know you well such as health care professionals and relatives.
- For visitors to the practice basic information such as name and vehicle registration number

It is essential that your details are accurate and up to date. Always check that your personal details are correct when you visit us and please inform us of any changes to your contact details as soon as possible. This reduces the risk of you not receiving important correspondence.

By providing the Practice with contact details, patients are agreeing to the Practice using those channels to communicate with them about their healthcare, i.e. by letter (postal address), by voice mail or voice message (telephone or mobile number), by text message (mobile number) or by email (email address).

## How your personal information is used

In general, your records are used to direct, manage, and deliver the care you receive to ensure that:

- The doctors, nurses and other health or social care professionals involved in your care have accurate and up to date information to assess your health and decide on the most appropriate care for you.
- Health or social care professionals have the information they need to be able to assess and improve the quality and type of care you receive.
- Your concerns can be properly investigated if a complaint is raised.
- Appropriate information is available if you see another clinician, or are referred to a specialist or another part of the NHS or social care.

- We may offer you a consultation via telephone or videoconferencing. By accepting the invitation and entering the consultation you are consenting to this. your personal/confidential patient information will be safeguarding in the same way it would with any other consultation.

## The Care Record

The Health Care Record is a shared system that allows Health or social care professionals to appropriately access the most up-to-date and accurate information about patients to deliver the best possible care.

## The NHS Care Record Guarantee

The Care Record Guarantee is our commitment that we will use records about you in ways that respect your rights and promote your health and wellbeing. Copies of the full document can be obtained from:

<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20130513181549/http://www.nigb.nhs.uk/guarantee>

## The Records Management Code of Practice

This Records Management Code of Practice for Health and Social Care 2016 is a guide for the NHS to use in relation to the practice of managing records. It is relevant to organisations who work within, or under contract to NHS organisations in England. This also includes public health functions in Local Authorities and Adult Social Care where there is joint care provided within the NHS.

The Code is based on current legal requirements and professional best practice. It will help organisations to implement the recommendations of the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Practice Public Inquiry relating to records management and transparency.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/records-management-code-of-practice-for-health-and-social-care>

## How long health records are retained

All patient records are destroyed in accordance with the NHS Records Management Code of Practice retention schedules, which sets out the appropriate length of time each type of NHS records is retained.

The Practice does not keep patient records for longer than necessary and all records are destroyed confidentially once their retention period has been met, and the Practice has made the decision that the records are no longer required.

## When do we share information about you?

We share information about you with others directly involved in your care; and also and also share more limited information for indirect care purposes, both of which are described below:

Everyone working within the NHS has a legal duty to keep information about you confidential. Similarly, anyone who receives information from us also has a legal duty to keep it confidential.

### **Direct Care Purposes**

- NHS Trusts and hospitals that are involved in your care.
- NHS Digital and other NHS bodies.
- Other general practitioners (GPs) or Primary Care Networks (which are groups of GP Practices).
- Ambulance Services.
- Integrated Care Board's (ICB)

You may be receiving care from other people as well as the NHS, for example Social Care Services. We may need to share some information about you with them so we can all work together for your benefit if they have a genuine need for it or we have your permission. Therefore, we may also share your information, subject to strict agreement about how it will be used, with:

- Social Care Services.
- Education Services.
- Local Authorities.
- Voluntary and private sector providers working with the NHS. Such as Dentists, Pharmacies, Opticians and Care Homes.

We will not disclose your information to any other third parties without your permission unless there are exceptional circumstances, such as if the health and safety of others is at risk or if the law requires us to pass on information.

### **Indirect Care Purposes:**

We also use information we hold about you to:

- Review the care we provide to ensure it is of the highest standard and quality
- Ensure our services can meet patient needs in the future
- Investigate patient queries, complaints and legal claims
- Ensure the hospital receives payment for the care you receive
- Prepare statistics regarding NHS performance
- Audit NHS accounts and services
- Undertake health research and development (with your consent – you may choose whether or not to be involved)
- Help train and educate healthcare professionals
- Health and social care policy, planning and commissioning purposes
- GP Federations
- Public health purposes, including COVID-19

## When other people need information about you

Everyone working in Health and Social Care has a legal duty to keep information about you confidential and anyone who receives information from us is also under a legal duty to keep it confidential.

From time to time we may need to share information with other professionals and services concerned in your care. This may be for instance, when your healthcare professional needs to discuss your case with other professionals (who do not work for the Practice) in order to plan your care. We do this in order to provide the most appropriate treatment and support for you and your carers, or when the welfare of other people is involved. We will only share information in this way if we have your permission and it is considered necessary.

There may be other circumstances when we must share information with other agencies. In these rare circumstances we are not required to seek your consent.

Examples of this are:

- If there is a concern that you are putting yourself at risk of serious harm
- If there is a concern that you are putting another person at risk of serious harm
- If there is a concern that you are putting a child at risk of harm
- If we have been instructed to do so by a court
- If the information is essential for the investigation of a serious crime
- If you are subject to the Mental Health Act (1983), there are circumstances in which your 'nearest relative' must receive information even if you object
- If your information falls within a category that needs to be notified for public health or other legal reasons, e.g. Certain infectious diseases

## Other ways in which we use your information

### Call recording

All Telephone calls to the Practice are routinely recorded for the following purposes:

- To make sure that staff act in compliance with Parkside Practice procedures.
- To ensure quality control.
- Training, monitoring and service improvement
- To prevent crime, misuse and to protect staff

## Data Subject Rights

**Under the Data Protection Act - 6<sup>th</sup> Principle:**

- a right of access to a copy of their personal data;
- a right to object to processing that is likely to cause or is causing damage or distress;

- a right to object to decisions being taken by automated means;
- a right in certain circumstances to have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed; and
- a right to claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the Act

### **Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

- a right to confirmation that their personal data is being processed and access to a copy of that data which in most cases will be Free of Charge and will be available within 1 month (which can be extended to two months in some circumstances)
- Who that data has or will be disclosed to;
- The period of time the data will be stored for
- a right in certain circumstances to have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed;
- Data Portability – data provided electronically in a commonly used format
- The right to be forgotten and erasure of data does not apply to an individual's health record or for public health purposes
- The right to lodge a complaint with a supervising authority (see Raising a concern page 7)

### **What laws are relevant to the handling of personal information?**

The law determines how organisations can use personal information. The key legislation governing the use of information is listed below:

- Data Protection Act 2018
- General Data Protection Regulation
- The Human Rights Act 1998
- Freedom of Information Act 2000
- Computer Misuse Act 1998
- Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, and
- Access to Health Records Act 1990.

## **Your right to object**

You have the right to restrict how and with whom we share information in your records that identifies you. If you object to us sharing your information we will record this explicitly within your records so that all healthcare professionals and staff involved with your care are aware of your decision. If you choose not to allow us to share your information with other health or social care professionals involved with your care, it may make the provision of treatment or care more difficult or unavailable.

Please discuss any concerns with the clinician treating you so that you are aware of any potential impact. You can also change your mind at any time about a disclosure decision.

## Refusing or withdrawing consent

- The possible consequences of refusing consent will be fully explained to the patient at the time, and could include delays in receiving care.
- In those instances where the legal basis for sharing of confidential personal information relies on the patient's explicit or implied consent, then the patient has the right at any time to refuse their consent to the information sharing, or to withdraw their consent previously given.
- In instances where the legal basis for sharing information without consent relies on HRA CAG authorisation under Section 251 of the NHS Act 2006, then the patient has the right to register their objection to the disclosure, and the Practice is obliged to respect that objection.
- In instances where the legal basis for sharing information relies on a statutory duty/power, then the patient cannot refuse or withdraw consent for the disclosure.

Nationally there are strict controls on how your information is used for these purposes. These control whether your information has to be de-identified first and with whom we may share identifiable information. You can find out more about these purposes, which are also known as secondary uses, on the NHS England and NHS Digital's websites:

- [www.england.nhs.uk](http://www.england.nhs.uk)
- [www.digital.nhs.uk](http://www.digital.nhs.uk)

### National Data Opt-Out

"How the NHS and care services use your information"

Whenever you use a health or care service, such as attending Accident & Emergency or using Community Care service, important information about you is collected in a patient record for that service. Collecting this information helps to ensure you get the best possible care and treatment.

The information collected about you when you use these services can also be used and provided to other organisations for purposes beyond your individual care, for instance to help with:

- Improving the quality and standards of care provided
- Research into the development of new treatments
- Preventing illness and diseases
- Monitoring safety
- Planning services

This may only take place when there is a clear legal basis to use this information. All these uses help to provide better health and care for you, your family and future generations. Confidential patient information about your health and care is only used like this where allowed by law.

Most of the time, anonymised data is used for research and planning so that you cannot be identified in which case your confidential patient information isn't needed.

You have a choice about whether you want your confidential patient information to be used in this way. If you are happy with this use of information you do not need to do anything. If you do choose to opt out your confidential patient information will still be used to support your individual care.

To find out more or to register your choice to opt out, please visit [www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters](http://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters). On this web page you will:

- See what is meant by confidential patient information
- Find examples of when confidential patient information is used for individual care and examples of when it is used for purposes beyond individual care
- Find out more about the benefits of sharing data
- Understand more about who uses the data
- Find out how your data is protected.
- Be able to access the system to view, set or change your opt-out setting
- Find the contact telephone number if you want to know any more or to set/change your opt-out by phone
- See the situations where the opt-out will not apply

You can also find out more about how patient information is used at:

<https://www.hra.nhs.uk/information-about-patients/> (which covers health and care research); and

<https://understandingpatientdata.org.uk/what-you-need-know> (which covers how and why patient information is used, the safeguards and how decisions are made)

you can change your mind about your choice at any time.

Data being used or shared for purposes beyond individual care does not include your data being shared with insurance companies or used for marketing purposes and data would only be used in this way with your specific agreement.

## COVID-19 for Patients/Service Users

This notice describes how we may use your information to protect you and others during the Covid-19 outbreak.

The health and social care system is facing significant pressures due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Health and care information is essential to deliver care to individual, to support health and social care service and to protect public health. Information will also be vital in researching, monitoring, tracking and managing the outbreak. In the current emergency it has become even more important to share health and care information across relevant organisations.

Existing law which allows confidential patient information to be used and shared appropriately and lawfully in a public health emergency is being used during this outbreak. Using this law the secretary of state has required NHS Digital; NHS England and Improvement; Arm's Length Bodies (such as Public Health England); local authorities; health organisation and Gps to share confidential patient information to respond to the Covid-19 outbreak. Any outbreak unless there is another legal basis to use the data. Further information is available on gov.uk [here and some FAQs on this law are available here](#).

During this period of emergency, opt-outs will not generally apply to the data used to support the Covid-19 outbreak, due to the public interest in sharing information. This includes [National Data Opt-outs](#). However, in relation to the Summary Care Records, existing choices will be respected. Where data is used and shared under these laws your right to have personal data erased will also not apply. It may also take us longer to respond to Subject Access request, Freedom of Information requests and new opt-out requests whilst we focus our efforts on responding to the outbreak.



In order to look after your health and care needs, we may share your confidential patient information including health and care records with clinical and non-clinical staff in other health and care providers, for example neighbouring GP practices, hospitals and NHS 111. We may also use the details we have to send public health messages to you, either by phone, text or email.

During this period of emergency we may offer you a consultation via telephone or videoconferencing. By accepting the invitation and entering the consultation you are consenting to this. your personal/confidential patient information will be safeguarded in the same way it would with any other consultation.

We will also be required to share personal/confidential patient information with health and care organisations and other bodies engaged in disease surveillance for the purposes of protecting public health, providing healthcare services to the public and monitoring and managing the outbreak. Further information about how health and care data is being used and shared by other NHS and social care organisation in a variety of ways to support the Covid-19 response is [here](#).

NHS England and Improvement and NHSX have developed a single, secure store to gather data from across the health and care system to inform the Covid-19 response. This includes data already collected by NHS England, NHS Improvement, Public Health England and HNS Digital as well as data provided by patients themselves. All the data held in the platform is subject to strict controls that meet the requirements of data protection legislation.

In such circumstances where you tell us you're experiencing Covid-19 symptoms we may need to collect specific health data about you. Where we need to do so, we will not collect more information than we require and we will ensure that any information collected is treated with the appropriate safeguards.

## SMS text messaging

When attending the Practice for an appointment or a procedure you may be asked to confirm that the Practice has an accurate contact number and mobile telephone number for you. This can be used to provide appointment details via SMS text messages and automated calls to advise you of appointment times.

## Surveillance Cameras (CCTV)

We employ surveillance cameras (CCTV) on and around our sites in order to:

- protect staff, patients, visitors and Practice property
- apprehend and prosecute offenders, and provide evidence to take criminal or civil court action
- provide a deterrent effect and reduce unlawful activity
- help provide a safer environment for our staff
- assist in traffic management and car parking schemes
- monitor operational and safety related incidents
- help to provide improved services, for example by enabling staff to see patients and visitors requiring assistance
- assist with the verification of claims

You have a right to make a Subject Access Request of surveillance information recorded of yourself and ask for a copy of it. Requests should be directed to the address below and you will need to provide further details as contained in the section 'How you can access your records'. The details you provide must contain sufficient information to identify you and assist us in finding the images on our systems.

We reserve the right to withhold information where permissible by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018 and we will only retain surveillance data for a reasonable period or as long as is required by law. In certain circumstances (high profile investigations, serious or criminal incidents) we may need to disclose CCTV data for legal reasons. When this is done there is a requirement for the organisation that has received the images to adhere to the GDPR.

## How you can access your records

The GDPR gives you a right to access the information we hold about you on our records. Requests must be made in writing to the Access to Health Records Department. The Practice will provide your information to you within one month (this can be extended dependent on the complexity of the request) from receipt of your application:

- A completed application form, containing adequate supporting information (such as your full name, address, date of birth, NHS number, etc.) to enable us to verify your identity and locate your records.
- Information will be provided free of charge except where requests are unfounded or excessive, in particular repeat requests, then the Practice may either charge a reasonable fee or refuse to act on the request.

Telephone 01274 521111 or write to:

The Access to Records Department

Parkside Medical Practice  
Horton Park  
99 Horton Park Ave  
Bradford  
BD7 3EG

## Data Controller

**The Data Controller responsible for keeping your information confidential is:**

Pauline Woodrow  
Parkside Medical Practice  
Horton Park

99 Horton Park Ave  
Bradford  
BD7 3EG

Data Protection Officer Contact:

[Daljeet.Sharry-Khan@nhs.net](mailto:Daljeet.Sharry-Khan@nhs.net)

Telephone 07395796639

## Raising a concern

Patients who have a concern about any aspect of their care or treatment at this Practice, or about the way their records have been managed, should contact the Practice Manager.

If you have any concerns about how we handle your information you have a right to complain to the Information Commissioners Office about it.

UK GDPR requires organisations to lodge a notification with the Information Commissioner to describe the purposes for which they process personal information.

These details are publicly available from:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House, Water Lane  
Wilmslow, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 03031231113

Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

## Freedom of Information

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides any person with the right to obtain information held by the Practice, subject to a number of exemptions. If you would like to request some information from us, please visit the Freedom of Information section of our website.

Please note: if your request is for information we hold about you (for example, your health record), please instead see above, under "How You Can Access Your Records".