



Privacy Notice – National Data Opt Out

How the NHS and care services use your information

Frome Medical Practice is one of many organisations working in the health and care system to improve care for patients and the public.

Whenever you use a health or care service, such as attending Accident & Emergency or using Community Care services, 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. 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.

<p>1) Data Controller contact details</p>	<p>Frome Medical Practice, Frome Medical Centre, Enos Way, Frome, Somerset, BA11 2FH Telephone: 01373 301301</p>
<p>2) Data Protection Officer contact details</p>	<p>Kevin Caldwell GP Data Protection Officer Somerset CCG Wynford House Lufton Way Yeovil Somerset BA22 8HR Telephone: 01935 384000 Email: somccg.GPDPO@nhs.net</p>
<p>3) Purpose of the processing</p>	<p>The national data opt-out was introduced on 25 May 2018, enabling patients to opt out from the use of their data for research or planning purposes, in line with the recommendations of the National Data Guardian in her Review of Data Security, Consent and Opt-Outs.</p>
<p>4) Lawful basis for processing</p>	<p>The legal basis will be: <i>Article 6(1)(c) “processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject.”</i> and: <i>Article 9(2)(h) “processing is necessary for the purposes of preventive or occupational medicine, for the assessment of the working capacity of the employee, medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services on the basis of Union or Member State law or pursuant to contract with a health professional and subject to the conditions and safeguards referred to in paragraph 3;”</i></p>
<p>5) Recipient or categories of recipients of the shared data</p>	<p>The data will be shared with NHS Digital according to directions which can be found at https://digital.nhs.uk/article/8059/NHS-England-Directions-</p>
<p>6) Rights to object</p>	<p>You have the right to object to some or all of the information being shared with NHS Digital. If you wish to opt out please visit: www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters</p>
<p>7) Right to access and correct</p>	<p>You have the right to access the data that is being shared and have any inaccuracies corrected. There is no right to have accurate medical records deleted except when ordered by a court of Law.</p>
<p>8) Retention period</p>	<p>The data will be retained for active use during the processing and thereafter according to NHS Policies and the law.</p>

9) Right to Complain.

You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office, you can use this link <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/> or calling their helpline 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate)