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How your information is used for medical research and to measure the quality of care

Checking the quality of care - national clinical audits

Greenwood Surgery contributes to national clinical audits so that healthcare can be checked and reviewed.

- Information from medical records can help doctors and other healthcare workers measure and check the quality of care which is provided to you.
- The results of the checks or audits can show where hospitals are doing well and where they need to improve.
- The results of the checks or audits are used to recommend improvements to patient care.
- Data are sent to NHS Digital, a national body with legal responsibilities to collect data.
- The data will include information about you, such as your NHS Number and date of birth and information about your health which is recorded in coded form – for example the code for diabetes or high blood pressure.
- We will only share your information for national clinical audits or checking purposes when the law allows.
- For more information about national clinical audits see the Healthcare Quality Improvements Partnership website: <https://www.hqip.org.uk/> or phone 020 7997 7370.

You have the right to object to your identifiable information being shared for national clinical audits. Please contact the practice if you wish to object.

We are required by law to provide you with the following information about how we share your information for medical research purposes.

Data Controller contact details	Dr John Cormack, Greenwood Surgery, Tylers Ride, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 5XD
Data Protection Officer contact details	Sian Turner, Greenwood Surgery, Tylers Ride, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 5XD
Purpose of the processing	Medical research and to check the quality of care which is given to patients (this is called national clinical audit).
Lawful basis for processing	The following sections of the GDPR mean that we can use medical records for research and to check the quality of care (national clinical audits) Article 6(1)(e) – ‘processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller’. For medical research: there are two possible Article 9 conditions. Article 9(2)(a) – ‘the data subject has given explicit consent...’
Recipient or categories of recipients of the processed data	For national clinical audits which check the quality of care the data will be shared with NHS Digital.
Rights to object and the national data opt-out	You have a right to object under the GDPR and the right to ‘opt-out’ under the national data opt-out model. The national data opt-out model provides an easy way for you to opt-out of: Information that identifies you being used or shared for medical research purposes and quality checking or audit purposes. Please contact the practice if you wish to opt-out. From the 25 May 2018 you will be able to opt-out on the NHS Digital website: digital.nhs.uk under the opt-out system.
Right to access and correct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have the right to access your medical record and have any errors or mistakes corrected. Please speak to a member of staff or look at our ‘subject access request’ policy, ask at reception for details. We are not aware of any circumstances in which you will have the right to delete correct information from your medical record; although you are free to obtain your own legal advice if you believe there is no lawful purpose for which we hold the information and contact us if you hold a different view.
Retention period	GP medical records will be kept in line with the law and national guidance. Information on how long records are kept can be found at: https://digital.nhs.uk/article/1202/Records-Management-Code-of-Practice-for-Health-and-Social-Care-2016 or speak to the practice.
Right to complain	You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner’s Office. If you wish to complain follow this link https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/ or call the helpline 0303 123 1113