



**Your  
Electronic  
Health  
Record**

How your electronic  
health record is shared  
to support your care



# Your Electronic Health Record

The clinical service you are attending uses a secure computer system to store your health record. This allows clinical staff to view up-to-date information about you and your health, so they can provide effective care.

This record can now be shared with other clinical services treating you, who use the same system. For example, your General Practitioner (GP), Physiotherapist, Health Visitor, District Nurse or Mental Health Worker.

The record can also be shared with others involved in your care, as part of the Yorkshire and Humber Care Record (YHCR). Please visit <https://yhcr.org> for more information. If you have any queries or would like to object to your record being shared with the YHCR, please contact: [hnf-tr.igteam@nhs.net](mailto:hnf-tr.igteam@nhs.net).

## Benefits of sharing:

- Improves the quality-of-care services can provide, by having accurate and up to date health information at their fingertips.
- Services will be able to make treatment decisions faster and easier.
- Procedures will not be repeated unnecessarily. This will save you and the NHS valuable time.
- You may not have to repeat some of the information you have already provided.
- Time that was previously spent requesting and receiving information by fax, phone and letter can be spent on patient care.
- The information will be available to staff 24 hours a day.

## Security

Access to your information is strictly limited and only those who are involved in your care can look at the information. The system records everyone who has looked at your record. You can also ask for a specific part of your record (e.g. a particular consultation) not to be shared. You can change your mind at any time.

## Consent to share your health record

The system has been set to share and receive information from other clinical teams providing you with care, so we have the most up-to-date information about you.

One exception to this is our drug and alcohol services, which only receive information in the first instance.

At your next appointment, we will confirm that you agree to this.

Your health professional will ask you:

### **Can we share your record at this service with other health professionals who provide you with care?**

**If you agree:** Your health record at this service will become available to other clinical services that treat you.

**If you don't agree:** Your health record will stop being shared with other clinical services that treat you.

### **Can this service access your record from other health professionals who provide you with care?**

**If you agree:** This service will continue to be able to view your health record from other clinical services that treat you.

**If you don't agree:** We will stop being able to view your health record from other clinical services that treat you.

We will respect your decision.

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