STATION HOUSE SURGERY
PRIVACY NOTICE – RESEARCH

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Medical research and service planning

Station House Surgery uses and shares information from medical records to:

- Support medical research when the law allows us to do so, for example to learn more about why people get ill and what treatments might work best. We may also use your medical records to carry out research within the practice; and

- Help plan NHS services.

Sharing information for these reasons is important because:

- the use of information from GP medical records is very useful in developing new treatments and medicines;

- Medical researchers use information from medical records to help answer important questions about illnesses and disease so that improvements can be made to the care and treatment patients receive;
- NHS organisations need information to help them plan and run NHS services, for example, deciding where to provide new GP services or clinics.

We share information with the following medical research organisations and with national NHS organisations with your explicit consent or when the law allows: Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD), NHS England, QResearch.

You have the right to object to your confidential information being shared by this practice for medical research and planning purposes.

If you wish to register a national data opt-out which prevents your confidential information being used for research and planning (subject to certain exclusions) you can do this via **https://nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/** or email Email: **enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk**

Postal address:

National Data Opt Out Contact Centre
NHS England

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PO Box 16738
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You can also make or change a choice for yourself by phoning the NHS Digital Contact Centre.

The phone number is 0300 303 5678 – Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (excluding bank holidays).

Checking the quality of care - national clinical audits

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

- Information from medical records can help doctors and other healthcare professionals measure and monitor the quality of care provided to you.
- The results of these checks or audits show where hospitals are performing well and where improvements are needed.
- The findings are used to recommend and implement improvements to patient care.
- Information may be shared with the **Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP)**, which manages national clinical audits on behalf of **NHS England** Our programmes - HQIP For more information about HQIP, visit **https://www.hqip.org.uk/** or telephone **020 7997 7370**.
- The information shared may include personal details, such as your **NHS number** and **date of birth**, where these are necessary for the audit, together with information about your health. Health information is usually recorded using standard clinical codes, for example, codes relating to conditions such as diabetes or high blood pressure.
- We will only share your information for national clinical audits and other quality assurance purposes where there is a lawful basis to do so.

You have the right to object to your confidential patient information being used for national clinical audits. If you wish to find out more or register a **National Data Opt-out (NDOO)**, please visit the **Your NHS Data Matters** website at **https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/**. The National Data Opt-out allows you to opt out of your confidential patient information being used for research and planning. This may apply to some national clinical audits. However, there are circumstances where the National Data Opt-out does not apply, for example where information is required by law or where there is an overriding public interest, such as protecting patient safety.

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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	Jeanette Cawley Practice Manager Lscicb-mb.shs@nhs.net
Data Protection Officer contact details	Karrie Connaughton Deputy Practice Manager Lscicb-mb.shs@nhs.net
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 UK 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…' Article 9(2)(j) – 'processing is necessary for… scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes in accordance with Article 89(1) based on Union or Member States law which shall be proportionate to the aim pursued, respect the essence of the right to data protection and provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and interests of the data subject'. Where you are invited to take part in a research study and choose to participate, we will process your special category personal information based on your explicit consent (UK GDPR Article 9(2)(a)), where this is the applicable legal basis for the research. We may also contribute to approved medical research programmes, including the Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD), QResearch, uMed and the RCGP Research and Surveillance Centre (RSC). Where information is shared for these purposes, it will only be done where there is a lawful basis under the UK GDPR, appropriate approvals have been obtained where required, and suitable safeguards are in place to protect your information. To check the quality of care (clinical audit): Article 9(2)(h) – 'processing is necessary for the purpose of preventative…medicine…the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services...'

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Recipient or categories of recipients of the processed data	**For medical research:** **Purpose:** To support approved medical research that helps improve patient care, treatments and NHS services. **Who we may share information with:** • Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD) • QResearch • uMed • RCGP Research and Surveillance Centre (RSC) • Other approved research organisations, universities or NHS bodies involved in medical research, where appropriate. **How we use your information:** We may share information from your medical record for approved medical research where there is a lawful basis to do so and appropriate safeguards are in place. Some research studies require your **explicit consent** before your information is used. Other approved research programmes may use information under the relevant legal provisions for scientific research without relying on your explicit consent, where permitted by law. **For health service planning:** Information may be shared with **NHS England**, your **Integrated Care Board (ICB)**, and other NHS organisations responsible for planning, commissioning, monitoring and improving NHS services, where there is a lawful basis to do so. **For national clinical audits:** Information may be shared with the **Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP)** and organisations that manage national clinical audits on behalf of **NHS England**, to assess and improve the quality and safety of healthcare services. NHS England has been directed by the government to establish and operate the **OpenSAFELY COVID-19 Service** and **the OpenSAFELY Data Analytics Service.** These services provide a secure environment that supports research, clinical audit, service evaluation and health surveillance for COVID-19 and other purposes. Each GP practice remains the controller of its own GP patient data but is required to let approved users run queries on pseudonymised patient data. This means identifiers are removed and replaced with a pseudonym. Only approved users are allowed to run these queries, and they will not be able to access information that directly or indirectly identifies individuals.

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	Patients who do not wish for their data to be used as part of this process can register a type 1 opt out with their GP. Here you can find additional information about OpenSAFELY.
Right to object and the National Data Opt-out	The law gives you a right to object to data processing in certain circumstances. The NHS also has different policy options for opting out of data sharing. You can stop your GP practice from sharing your confidential information for reasons beyond your own care, such as research and planning. This is called a 'Type 1 opt-out'. To do this you need to fill in an opt-out form and return it to your GP practice. Download a Type 1 opt-out form. And/or The National data opt-out (NDOO) [England only] The NDOO allows you to choose if you do not want NHS England and other healthcare organisations to use your confidential information for reasons beyond your own individual care – such as medical research and planning. Please visit: https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/ to find out more about your options and to register your choice.
Right of access and right to correct	• You have the right to access your medical record. Please speak to a member of staff or look at our 'Patient Online Access to Medical Records' page on the practice website – Patient Online Access to Medical Records - Station House Surgery • You have the right to correct personal information which is inaccurate or a mistake. Please speak to a member of staff. • 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.
Right to restriction of processing	You have the right to ask us to restrict the processing of your personal information in certain circumstances. Please contact us if you would like to make a request.
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:

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	https://transform.england.nhs.uk/information-governance/guidance/records-management-code/ 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**