

How we use your information to provide you with healthcare

This practice keeps medical records confidential and complies with the General Data Protection Regulation.

We hold your medical records so that we can provide you with safe care and treatment. The practice strongly respects your confidentiality as a crucial part of the doctor patient relationship. We will limit transfer of information to medical facts and not include discussions of matters you may have said in confidence such as about relationships or family matters.

We will also use your information so that this practice can check and review the quality of the care we provide. This helps us to improve our services to you. For example, auditing hypertension or diabetic care. But at all times your confidentiality will be maintained. If we are summarizing data or showing results such as with our genetic work on our website or in a medical article no individual will be identifiable, so your anonymity is protected.

- We will share relevant information from your medical record with other health or social care staff or organisations when they provide you with care. For example, your GP will share essential medical information when they refer you to a specialist in a hospital. Or your GP will send details about your prescription to your chosen pharmacy.
- For more information on how we share your information with organisations who are directly involved in your care please contact the practice directly.
- Healthcare staff working in A&E and out of hours care will also have access to your information. For example, it is important that staff who are treating you in an emergency know if you have any allergic reactions. This will involve the use of your Summary Care Record. For more information see: https://digital.nhs.uk/summary-care-records or alternatively speak to your practice.
- You have the right to object to information being shared for your own care. Please speak to the practice if you wish to object. You also have the right to have any mistakes or errors corrected.

Other important information about how your information is used to provide you with healthcare

Audits and Identifying patients who might be at risk of certain diseases

- Your medical records may be searched by a computer programme so that we can identify patients who might be at high risk from certain diseases such as heart disease or unplanned admissions to hospital.
- This means we can offer patients additional care or support as early as possible and improve quality of care for conditions such as hypertension, diabetes and coronary disease e.t.c
- This process will involve linking information from your GP record with information from other health or social care services you have used.
- Information which identifies you will only be seen by this practice.
- More information can be provided by speaking with a member of the practice team.

Safeguarding

- Sometimes we need to share information so that other people, including healthcare staff, children or others with safeguarding needs, are protected from risk of harm.
- These circumstances are rare.
- We do not need your consent or agreement to do this.
- 90 Sloane Street has a safeguarding policy in place. This is displayed in our waiting room. If you would like more information, please speak with a member of the practice team

We are required by law to provide you with the following information about how we handle your information.

Data Controller contact	Dr Michael Sandberg
details	90 Sloane Street
	London SW1X 9PQ

Data Protection Officer	Dr Michael Sandberg
contact details	90 Sloane Street
contact details	London SW1X 9PQ
	London SWIX 9FQ
Purpose of the processing	To give direct health or social care to individual patients.
	 For example, when a patient agrees to a referral for direct care, such as to a hospital, relevant information about the patient will be shared with the other healthcare staff to enable them to give appropriate advice, investigations, treatments and/or care.
	 To check and review the quality of care. (This is called audit and clinical governance).
Lawful basis for processing	These purposes are supported under the following sections of the GDPR:
	Article 6(1)(e) 'necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority'; and
	Article 9(2)(h) 'necessary for the purposes of preventative 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"
	Healthcare staff will also respect and comply with their obligations under the common law duty of confidence.
Recipient or categories	The data will be shared with:
of recipients of the processed data	 healthcare professionals and staff in this surgery; local hospitals;
	out of hours services;
	 diagnostic and treatment centres;
	 or other organisations involved in the provision of direct care to individual patients.
Rights to object	You have the right to object to information being shared between those who are providing you with direct care.
	 This may affect the care you receive – please speak to the practice.
	You are not able to object to your name, address and other demographic information being sent to NHS Digital.
	This is necessary if you wish to be registered to receive NHS care.
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	 You are not able to object when information is legitimately shared for safeguarding reasons. In appropriate circumstances it is a legal and professional requirement to share information for safeguarding reasons. This is to protect people from harm. The information will be shared with the local safeguarding service at the Borough of Kensington & Chelsea.
Right to access and correct	 You have the right to access your medical record and have any errors or mistakes corrected. Please speak to a member of staff to receive information on making a subject access request. 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
Data we get from other organisations	We receive information about your health from other organisations who are involved in providing you with health and social care. For example, if you go to hospital for treatment or an operation the hospital will send us a letter to let us know what happens. This means your GP medical record is kept up-to date when you receive care from other parts of the health service.