Patient information leaflet: Online Services Records Access, 'It's your choice'

If you wish to, you can now use the internet to book appointments with a GP, request repeat prescriptions for any medications you take regularly and look at your medical SRC online. You can also still use the telephone or call in to the surgery for any of these services as well. It's your choice.

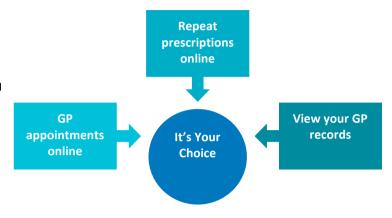
SCR- Summary Care Record

Your Summary Care Record contains important information from the record held by your GP practice and includes details of any medicines you are taking or have taken in the past 12 months, any allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines that you have previously experienced. Your Summary Care Record also includes your name, address, date of birth and NHS Number.

The SCR is an electronic record that is available nationally in urgent care situations. For more information on SCR and now to opt out please speak to a member of reception.

Being able to see your record online might help you to manage your medical conditions. It also means that you can even access it from anywhere in the world should you require medical treatment on holiday. If you decide not to join or wish to withdraw, this is your choice and practice staff will continue to treat you in the same way as before.

This decision will not affect the quality of your care.



It will be your responsibility to keep your login details and password safe and secure. If you know or suspect that your record has been accessed by someone that you have not agreed should see it, then you should change your password immediately.

If you can't do this for some reason, we recommend that you contact the practice so that they can remove online access until you are able to reset your password.

If you print out any information from your record, it is also your responsibility to keep this secure. If you are at all worried about keeping printed copies safe, we recommend that you do not make copies at all.

The practice has the right to remove online access to services for anyone that doesn't use them responsibly.

Before you apply for online access to your record, there are some other things to consider.

You will be asked that you have read and understood the points given below, as well as the content of this leaflet before you are given your login details.

Things to consider

Choosing to share your information with someone

It's up to you whether or not you share your information with others – perhaps family members or carers. It's your choice, but also your responsibility to keep the information safe and secure.

Coercion

If you think you may be pressured into revealing details from your patient record to someone else against your will, it is best that you do not register for access at this time.

Once registered you will be given login details, so you will need to think of a password which is unique to you. This will ensure that only you are able to access your record – unless you choose to share your details with a family member or carer.