

General Practice Data for Planning and Research – Information for our patients

NHS Digital has announced it is setting up a new primary care data collection service with the aim of giving planners and researchers faster access to pseudonymised patient information.

For the last ten years NHS Digital has been collecting data from GPs via the General Practice Extraction Service but it is now to be replaced with their new [General Practice Data for Planning and Research \(GP DPR\) service](#).

On May 12, the organisation issued a Data Provision Notice to GPs to enable the new data collection process to begin from 1 September, 2021.

NHS Digital confirmed it has been legally directed by the secretary of state for health and social care to establish a new strategic system to collect and provide access to near-real-time data from GP practices for planning and research purposes. The move, according to an NHS Digital statement, was prompted by the Covid-19 which led to a significant increase in the need for GP data to support clinicians, researchers, academics and commissioners.

Any data which directly identifies an individual will be pseudonymised and then encrypted before it leaves a GP practice.

Data will only be shared with organisations who have a legal basis and meet strict criteria to use the information for local, regional and national planning, policy development, commissioning, public health and research purposes.

If you wish to opt out of sharing your data, please complete the following form.

The data held in your GP medical records is shared with other healthcare professionals for the purposes of your individual care. It is also shared with other organisations to support health and care planning and research.

If you do not want your personally identifiable patient data to be shared outside of your GP practice for purposes except your own care, you can register an opt-out with your GP practice. This is known as a Type 1 Opt-out.

More information about the National Data Opt-out is here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/>
<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/general-practice-data-for-planning-and-research/gp-privacy-notice>

Type 1 Opt-out form:

You can use this form to:

- register a Type 1 Opt-out, for yourself or for a dependent (if you are the parent or legal guardian of the patient) (to **Opt-out**)
- withdraw an existing Type 1 Opt-out, for yourself or a dependent (if you are the parent or legal guardian of the patient) if you have changed your preference (**Opt-in**)

This decision will not affect individual care and you can change your choice at any time, using this form.

This form, once completed, should be sent to your GP practice by email or post.

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