



Your emergency care summary

Dear Patient

Summary Care Record – your emergency care summary

The NHS in England is introducing the Summary Care Record, which will be used in emergency care.

The record will contain information about any medicines you are taking, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines you have had to ensure those caring for you have enough information to treat you safely.

Your Summary Care Record will be available to authorised NHS healthcare staff providing your care anywhere in England, but they will ask your permission before they look at it. This means that if you have an accident or become ill, the doctors treating you will have immediate access to important information about your health.

As a patient you have a choice:

- **Yes I would like a Summary Care Record** – you do not need to do anything and a Summary Care Record will be created for you.
- **No I do not want a Summary Care Record** – please complete an opt out form and return it to **your GP practice**.

For more information, visit the website: www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk or, telephone the dedicated NHS Summary Care Record Information Line on: 0300 123 3020.

Additional copies of the opt out form can be obtained from your GP practice or can be printed from the website www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk or requested from the dedicated NHS Summary Care Record Information Line on: 0300 123 3020.

You can choose not to have a Summary Care Record and you can change your mind at any time by informing your GP practice.

If you do nothing we will assume that you are happy with these changes and create a Summary Care Record for you, once we have the IT systems in place to support this. If you are the parent or guardian of a child under 16 and feel that they are old enough to understand, then you should make this information available to them.