

Right info, right place, right time

To provide the best possible care, health professionals need the most up-to-date information about you.

This means if you need urgent care (for example using the out-of-hours service, a walk-in centre or urgent care centre) healthcare professionals including doctors, nurses, consultants or specialists rely on information you provide at the time about your medical history.

GPs across East Berkshire are working with local healthcare providers to allow healthcare professionals, with your permission, to view limited but vital electronic information from your medical records in healthcare settings outside of your GP practice. This could include medication lists, important allergies and major illnesses.

Patient safety and confidentiality are our most important concerns.

You will be asked for permission to share your care before healthcare professionals in other healthcare settings access your electronic medical records.

Simply say **yes** or **no** when asked.

Why should I share my medical records?

- Clinicians other than your GP will be able to view an electronic summary of your most comprehensive and accurate medical history when caring for you. Especially important if you have allergies or any long-term or chronic condition.
- You will be in control over who can view your electronic medical records and your permission will be sought.
- Your information will only ever be accessed to aid your care or treatment and this will only be seen by the healthcare professionals directly involved in your care.

The sharing of electronic medical records with other healthcare providers is intended to make your healthcare safer, and more efficient, as clinicians have instant access to the most important health information about you. If you are not happy to have your information shared, whatever the circumstance, please let your practice know and they can opt you out of this local sharing scheme.

For more information please visit
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or speak to your surgery



Yes?



No?