



NHS Summary Care Record - Your emergency care summary

The NHS is introducing a new electronic record called the Summary Care Record (SCR), which will be used to support your emergency care.

SCRs contain important information about any medicines you are taking, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines that you have had. It will also include your name, address, date of birth and your unique NHS Number. Giving healthcare staff access to this information can prevent mistakes being made when caring for you in an emergency or when your GP practice is closed.

Your choices

We are telling you about this before a SCR is made for you, so that you have time to think about your choices.

You can choose to have a Summary Care Record:

You do not need to do anything. This will happen automatically. Healthcare staff will ask your permission every time they look at your Summary Care Record.

You can choose not to have a Summary Care Record:

If you don't want a SCR, you need to let your GP practice know by filling in and returning an opt-out form.

You can change your mind at any time

Security and confidentiality

Healthcare staff who can see your Summary Care Record need to be directly involved in caring for you; need to have an NHS Smartcard with a chip and passcode, will only see the information they need to do their job; and will have their details recorded. By law, everyone working for the NHS must respect your confidentiality and keep all information about you secure.

Children and the Summary Care Record

Children will automatically have a SCR made for them. If you **do not** want your child to have one, you will need to fill in an opt-out form on behalf of your child and return it to your child's GP practice.

More information

For more information about SCRs please visit www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk or phone the SCR Information Line on 0300 123 3020. Alternatively contact the Oldham Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on 0800 389 8679