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It is important that we, the NHS, can use this information to plan and improve services for all patients. We would like to link information from all the different places you receive care, such as your GP, hospital and community services, to help us provide a full picture. This will allow us to compare the care you received in one area against the care you received in another, so we can see what has worked best

Confidential information from your medical records can be used by the NHS and others, such as researchers and those planning health services, to make sure we provide the best care possible for everyone.

This information along with your postcode and NHS number but not your name, so your identity is protected, are sent to a secure system where it can be linked with other health information.

This allows those planning NHS services or carrying out medical research, to use information from different parts of the NHS in a way which does not identify you.

You have a choice. If you are happy for your information to be used in this way you do not have to do anything.

If you have any concerns or wish to prevent this from happening, please speak to practice staff or ask at reception for a copy of the leaflet **“How information about you helps to provide better care”**

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