

How High Street Surgery uses your information to provide you with healthcare

This practice keeps medical records confidential and complies with the General Data Protection Regulation.

We hold your medical record so that we can provide you with safe care and treatment.

We will also use your information so that this practice can check and review the quality of the care we provide. This helps us to improve our services to you.

- We will share relevant information from your medical record with other health or social care staff or organisations when they provide you with care. For example, your GP will share information when they refer you to a specialist in a hospital. Or your GP will send details about your prescription to your chosen pharmacy.
- Some of your data is automatically copied to the Northern Ireland Electronic Care Record (ECR)
- Healthcare staff working in A&E and out of hours care will also have access to your information. For example, it is important that staff who are treating you in an emergency know if you have any allergic reactions. This will involve the use of your ECR
- You have the right to object to information being shared for your own care. Please speak to the practice if you wish to object. You also have the right to have any mistakes or errors corrected.

Other important information about how your information is used to provide you with healthcare

Registering for NHS care

- All patients who receive NHS care are registered on a national database.
- This database holds your name, address, date of birth and NHS Number but it does not hold information about the care you receive.
- The database is held by Business services organization (BSO, a national organisation which has legal responsibilities to collect NHS data.
- General enquiries at BSO are via email: Admin.Office@hscni.net

Identifying patients who might be at risk of certain diseases

- Your medical records will be searched by a computer programme so that we can identify patients who might be at high risk from certain diseases such as heart disease or unplanned admissions to hospital.
- This means we can offer patients additional care or support as early as possible.
- This process will involve linking information from your GP record with information from other health or social care services you have used.
- Information which identifies you will only be seen by this practice.
- More information can be found by contacting practice manager or GP about this

Safeguarding

- Sometimes we need to share information so that other people, including healthcare staff, children or others with safeguarding needs, are protected from risk of harm.
- These circumstances are rare.
- We do not need your consent or agreement to do this.
- The following websites give more information on the legal basis for safeguarding

Sections 17 and 47 of The Childrens Act 1989

(<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/41/section/17>)

(<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/41/section/47>)

Section 29 of Data Protection Act (prevention of crime)

(<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/29/section/29>)

Section 45 of the Care Act 2014

(<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga//2014/23/section/45/enacted>)

We are required by law to provide you with the following information about how we handle your information.

Data Controller contact details	High Street Surgery, Lurgan
Data Protection Lead contact details	Dr Paul Martin, 60 High Street, Lurgan BT66 8BA
Purpose of the processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To give direct health or social care to individual patients.• For example, when a patient agrees to a referral for direct care, such as to a hospital, relevant information about the patient will be shared with the other healthcare staff to enable them to give appropriate advice, investigations, treatments and/or care.• To check and review the quality of care. (This is called audit and clinical governance).

<p>Lawful basis for processing</p>	<p>These purposes are supported under the following sections of the GDPR:</p> <p><i>Article 6(1)(e) ‘...necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority...’; and</i></p> <p><i>Article 9(2)(h) ‘necessary for the purposes of preventative or occupational medicine for the assessment of the working capacity of the employee, medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services...’</i></p> <p>Healthcare staff will also respect and comply with their obligations under the common law duty of confidence.</p>
<p>Recipient or categories of recipients of the processed data</p>	<p>The data will be shared with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • healthcare professionals and staff in this surgery; • local hospitals; • out of hours services; • diagnostic and treatment centres; • or other organisations involved in the provision of direct care to individual patients.
<p>Rights to object</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have the right to object to information being shared between those who are providing you with direct care. • This may affect the care you receive – please speak to the practice. • You are not able to object to your name, address and other demographic information being sent to NHS Digital. • This is necessary if you wish to be registered to receive NHS care. • You are not able to object when information is legitimately shared for safeguarding reasons. • In appropriate circumstances it is a legal and professional requirement to share information for safeguarding reasons. This is to protect people from harm. The information will be shared with the local social services for Lurgan area or wherever patient resides
<p>Right to access and correct</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have the right to access the data that is being shared and have any inaccuracies corrected. There is no right to have accurate medical records deleted except when ordered by a court of law

Retention period	<p>GP medical records will be kept in line with the law and national guidance. Information on how long records are kept can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/northern-ireland-office/about/personal-information-charter or speak to the practice.</p>
Right to complain	<p>You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office. If you wish to complain follow this link https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/ or call the helpline 0303 123 1113</p> <p>The Information Commissioner's Office – N. Ireland 3rd Floor 14 Cromac Place, Belfast BT7 2JB</p>
Data we get from other organisations	<p>We receive information about your health from other organisations who are involved in providing you with health and social care. For example, if you go to hospital for treatment or an operation the hospital will send us a letter to let us know what happens. This means your GP medical record is kept up-to date when you receive care from other parts of the health service.</p>

How your information is used for medical research and to measure the quality of care

Checking the quality of care - clinical audits

High Street Surgery, Lurgan contributes to national clinical audits so that healthcare can be checked and reviewed.

- Information from medical records can help doctors and other healthcare workers measure and check the quality of care which is provided to you.
- The results of the checks or audits can show where doctors are doing well and where they need to improve.
- The results of the checks or audits are used to recommend improvements to patient care.
- Data is generally used internally within practice although occasionally can be passed on to local health board
- The data will include information about you, such as your NHS Number and date of birth and information about your health which is recorded in coded form - for example the code for diabetes or high blood pressure.
- We will only share your information for national clinical audits or checking purposes when the law allows.
- You have the right to object to your identifiable information being shared for national clinical audits. Please contact the practice if you wish to object.

We are required by law to provide you with the following information about how we share your information for medical research purposes.

Data Controller contact details	High Street Surgery, Lurgan
Data Protection Lead contact details	Dr Paul Martin, 60 High Street, Lurgan BT66 8BA
Purpose of the processing	To check the quality of care which is given to patients (this is called clinical audit).
Lawful basis for processing	<p>The following sections of the GDPR mean that we can use medical records for research and to check the quality of care (national clinical audits)</p> <p>Article 6(1)(e) – ‘processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller’.</p> <p>For medical research: there are two possible Article 9 conditions.</p> <p>Article 9(2)(a) – ‘the data subject has given explicit consent...’ OR</p> <p>Article 9(2)(j) – ‘processing is necessary for... scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes in accordance with Article 89(1) based on Union or Member States law which shall be proportionate to the aim pursued, respect the essence of the right to data protection and provide for suitable and specific measures to safeguard the fundamental rights and interests of the data subject’.</p> <p>To check the quality of care (clinical audit): Article 9(2)(h) – ‘processing is necessary for the purpose of preventative...medicine...the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services...’</p>
Recipient or categories of recipients of the processed data	For clinical audits which check the quality of care the data will be used internally within practice or shared with local health board
Rights to object and the national data opt-out	<p>You have a right to object under the GDPR and the right to ‘opt-out’ under the national data opt-out model. The national data opt-out model provides an easy way for you to opt-out of:</p> <p>information that identifies you being used or shared for medical research purposes and quality checking or audit purposes.</p> <p>Please contact the practice if you wish to opt-out.</p>

<p>Right to access and correct</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have the right to access your medical record and have any errors or mistakes corrected. Please speak to a member of staff or look at our 'subject access request' policy on the practice website. • We are not aware of any circumstances in which you will have the right to delete correct information from your medical record; although you are free to obtain your own legal advice if you believe there is no lawful purpose for which we hold the information and contact us if you hold a different view.
<p>Retention period</p>	<p>GP medical records will be kept in line with the law and national guidance. Information on how long records are kept can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/northern-ireland-office/about/personal-information-charter or speak to the practice.</p>
<p>Right to complain</p>	<p>You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office. If you wish to complain follow this link https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/ or call the helpline 0303 123 1113</p>

How your information is shared so that this practice can meet legal requirements

The law requires High Street Surgery, Lurgan to share information from your medical records in certain circumstances. Information is shared so that Public Health Agency

- plan and manage services;
- check that the care being provided is safe;
- prevent infectious diseases from spreading.

We will share information with HSC public Health Agency when the law requires us to do so. Please see below for more information.

<http://www.publichealth.hscni.net>

We must also share your information if a court of law orders us to do so.

Care Quality Commission (CQC)

- The CQC regulates health and social care services to ensure that safe care is provided.
- The law says that we must report certain serious events to the CQC, for example, when patient safety has been put at risk.
- For more information about the CQC see: <http://www.cqc.org.uk/>

Public Health

- The law requires us to share data for public health reasons, for example to prevent the spread of infectious diseases or other diseases which threaten the health of the population.
- We will report the relevant information to local health protection team or Public Health England.
- For more information about Public Health Northern Ireland see website <http://www.publichealth.hscni.net>

We are required by law to provide you with the following information about how we handle your information and our legal obligations to share data.

Data Controller contact details	High Street Surgery,Lurgan
Data Protection Officer contact details	Dr Paul Martin, 60 High Street, Lurgan BT66 8BA
Purpose of the processing	Compliance with legal obligations or court order.
Lawful basis for processing	The following sections of the GDPR mean that we can share information when the law tells us to. Article 6(1)(c) – ‘processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject...’ Article 9(2)(h) – ‘processing is necessary for the purpose of preventative...medicine...the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services...’
Recipient or categories of recipients of the processed data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The data will be shared with the Care Quality Commission. [Or equivalent body] • The data will be shared with our local health protection team • The data will be shared with the court if ordered.
Rights to object and the national data opt-out	There are very limited rights to object when the law requires information to be shared. Public health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legally information must be shared under public health legislation. This means that you are unable to object. Care Quality Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legally information must be shared when the Care Quality Commission [or equivalent body] needs it for their regulatory functions. This means that you are unable to object. Court order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your information must be shared if it ordered by a court. This means that you are unable to object.
Right to access and correct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have the right to access your medical record and have any errors or mistakes corrected. Please speak to a member of staff or look at our ‘subject access request’ policy on the practice website. • We are not aware of any circumstances in which you will have the right to delete correct information from your medical

	<p>record; although you are free to obtain your own legal advice if you believe there is no lawful purpose for which we hold the information and contact us if you hold a different view.</p>
Retention period	<p>GP medical records will be kept in line with the law and national guidance. Information on how long records are kept can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/northern-ireland-office/about/personal-information-charter or speak to the practice.</p>
Right to complain	<p>You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office. If you wish to complain follow this link https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/ or call the helpline 0303 123 1113</p>

National screening programmes

- The NHS provides national screening programmes so that certain diseases can be detected at an early stage.
- These screening programmes include bowel cancer, breast cancer, cervical cancer, aortic aneurysms and a diabetic eye screening service.
- The law allows us to share your contact information with Public Health England so that you can be invited to the relevant screening programme.
- More information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/topic/population-screening-programmes> or speak to the practice.

We are required by law to provide you with the following information about how we handle your information in relation to our legal obligations to share data.

Data Controller contact details	High Street Surgery, Lurgan Phone (028) 38324591
Data Protection Officer contact details	Dr Paul Martin, 60 High Street, Lurgan BT66 8BA
Purpose of the processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NHS provides several national health screening programmes to detect diseases or conditions early such as cervical and breast cancer, aortic aneurysm and diabetes.• The information is shared so that the correct people are invited for screening. This means those who are most at risk can be offered treatment.
Lawful basis for processing	The following sections of the GDPR allow us to contact patients for screening. Article 6(1)(e) – ‘processing is necessary...in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller...’ Article 9(2)(h) – ‘processing is necessary for the purpose of preventative...medicine...the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services...’

Recipient or categories of recipients of the processed data	The data will be shared with local hospital service providers for relevant specialty.
Rights to object	For national screening programmes: you can opt so that you no longer receive an invitation to a screening programme. See: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/opting-out-of-the-nhs-population-screening-programmes Or speak to your practice.
Right to access and correct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have the right to access your medical record and have any errors or mistakes corrected. Please speak to a member of staff or look at our 'subject access request' policy on the practice website. We are not aware of any circumstances in which you will have the right to delete correct information from your medical record; although you are free to obtain your own legal advice if you believe there is no lawful purpose for which we hold the information and contact us if you hold a different view.
Retention period	GP medical records will be kept in line with the law and national guidance. Information on how long records can be kept can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/northern-ireland-office/about/personal-information-charter or speak to the practice.
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