

LOCKWOOD SURGERY PATIENT PRIVACY NOTICE

This Practice aims to provide you with the highest quality of Healthcare. To do this we must keep records about you, your health and the care we have provided or plan to provide.

These records may include:

- Basic details about you, such as address, date of birth, next of kin;
- Notes and reports about your health;
- Contact we have had with you such as clinical visits;
- Details and records about your treatment and care;
- Results of x-rays, laboratory tests etc.
- Relevant information from people who care for you and know you well, such as health professionals and relatives.

The people who care for you use your records to:

- Provide a good basis for all health decisions made by you and care professionals;
- Make sure your care is safe and effective;
- Work effectively with others providing you with care.

We may also need to use records about you to:

- Check the quality of care;
- Protect the health of the general public;
- Help investigate any concerns or complaints you or your family have about your health care

We will not share information that identifies you for any reason, unless:

- You ask us to do so;
- We ask and you give your consent;
- It is a clinical emergency;
- We have to do this by law

We will only ever use or pass on information about you if others involved in your care have a genuine need for it. We will not disclose your information to any third party without your permission unless there are exceptional circumstances (i.e. life or death situations), where the law requires information to be passed on and / or in accordance with the new information sharing principle following Dame Fiona Caldicott's information sharing review (Information to share or not to share) where "The duty to share information can be as important as the duty to protect patient confidentiality." This means that health and social care professionals should have the confidence to share information in the best interests of their patients within the framework set out by the Caldicott principles. They should be supported by the policies of their employers, regulators and professional bodies.

Who are our partner organisations?

We may also have to share your information, subject to strict agreements on how it will be used, with the following organisations;

- NHS Trusts / Foundation Trusts
- GP's
- NHS Commissioning Support Units

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- Independent Contractors such as dentists, opticians, pharmacists
- Clinical Pharmacists
- Private Sector Providers
- Voluntary Sector Providers
- Ambulance Trusts
- Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Social Care Services
- Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC)
- Local Authorities
- Education Services
- Fire and Rescue Services
- Police & Judicial Services
- Voluntary Sector Providers
- Private Sector Providers

Everyone working for the NHS has a legal duty to keep information about you confidential. We have a duty to:

- Maintain full and accurate records of the care we provide to you;
- Keep records about you confidential, secure and accurate;
- Provide information in a format that is accessible to you (eg in large type if you are partially sighted).

You have the right

- You have the right to confidentiality under the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA), The General Data Protection Regulations 2018, the Human Rights Act 1998 and the common law duty of confidentiality.
- You also have the right to ask for a copy of your records to enable you to verify the lawfulness of the processing of data held about you – Please write to the Practice FAO Data Controller at the normal surgery address detailing the information you require.

The Data Controller for this Practice is: Dr R A Sharman

The Data Protection Officer for this Practice is: Alison Bennett

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