

QUAKERS LANE SURGERY

DATA SHARING

All our medical records are kept on computer, however you may rest assured that the information remains confidential under the terms of the Data Protection Act (The General Data Protection Regulation which comes into force on the 25th May 2018) and accepted medical ethics. Your records are held under the guardianship of the NHS and information from them will only be passed on to outside agencies with your express written permission.

Your electronic patient record and data sharing

Electronic records are kept in all of the places that you receive healthcare, such as hospitals, district nurses, community nurses, physiotherapists and chiropractors. These places usually only share information from your records by letter, fax, or phone. At times this can slow down your treatment and mean that important information is hard to access when it is needed, especially in times of urgency.

Quakers Lane Surgery is changing our computerised clinical records system to one called SystmOne at the end of April 2018. This allows the sharing of full electronic records across different healthcare services. Only healthcare professionals with access rights to view patients' records will be able to view this information, and every time this occurs an accurate electronic record of who has viewed the record is made. If a patient wishes to know if their records have been accessed in this way, which individual has looked at a record and why can be established.

As an organisation concerned with your healthcare, we feel that this system has great benefits for our patients, and so it is our policy to enable your data to be shared, unless you tell us otherwise.

Anyone who has already requested that their Summary Care Record is not to be shared will also automatically have any sharing on their records switched off on SystmOne.

You have the right to tell us not to share your information and you can make this decision at any time and for any occasion. You can also limit the sharing of your information to specific healthcare services (and you can ask them not to share with us the information that they have recorded about you). You can change your decision at any time too.

For more information you can download this patient's guide to [Your electronic patient record](#).

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to your doctor who will be happy to discuss them with you.