**CAVENDISH MEDICAL CENTRE PRIVACY NOTICE**

**General Practice Data for Planning and Research (GPDfPR) - data collection – Updated on 7th June 2021**

## *How sharing patient data with NHS Digital helps the NHS and you:*

*The NHS needs data about the patients it treats in order to plan and deliver its services and to ensure that care and treatment provided is safe and effective. The General Practice Data for Planning and Research data collection will help the NHS to improve health and care services for everyone by collecting patient data that can be used to do this. For example patient data can help the NHS to:*

* *monitor the long-term safety and effectiveness of care*
* *plan how to deliver better health and care services*
* *prevent the spread of infectious diseases*
* *identify new treatments and medicines through health research*

*GP practices already share patient data for these purposes, but this new data collection will be more efficient and effective.*

*We have agreed to share the patient data we look after in our practice with NHS Digital who will securely store, analyse, publish and share this patient data to improve health and care services for everyone. This includes:*

* *informing and developing health and social care policy*
* *planning and commissioning health and care services*
* *taking steps to protect public health (including managing and monitoring the coronavirus pandemic)*
* *in exceptional circumstances, providing you with individual care*
* *enabling healthcare and scientific research*

*This means that we can get on with looking after our patients and NHS Digital can provide controlled access to patient data to the NHS and other organisations who need to use it to improve health and care for everyone.*

*Contributing to research projects will benefit us all as better and safer treatments are introduced more quickly and effectively without compromising your privacy and confidentiality.*

*NHS Digital has engaged with the*[*British Medical Association (BMA)*](http://www.bma.org.uk/)*,*[*Royal College of GPs (RCGP)*](http://www.rcgp.org.uk/)*and the*[*National Data Guardian (NDG)*](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-data-guardian)*to ensure relevant safeguards are in place for patients and GP practices.*

*To view further information please* [*click here*](https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/general-practice-data-for-planning-and-research/transparency-notice) *to navigate to the NHS Digital Webpage which provides up to date information on the Data Collection.*

## Opting out of NHS Digital collecting your data

*If you wish to register a Type 1 Opt-out with your GP practice before data sharing starts with NHS Digital, this should be done by*[***returning this form***](https://nhs-prod.global.ssl.fastly.net/binaries/content/assets/website-assets/data-and-information/data-collections/general-practice-data-for-planning-and-research/type-1-opt-out-form.docx)*to your GP practice by****23 June 2021****to allow time for processing it.*

*If you do not want NHS Digital to share your identifiable patient data with anyone else for purposes beyond your own care, then you can also register a*[***National Data Opt-out***](https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/)***.***

**Covid-19 and your information - Updated on 8th April 2020**

**Supplementary privacy note on Covid-19 for Patients**

This notice describes how we may use your information to protect you and others during the Covid-19 outbreak. It supplements our main Privacy Notice which is available on the practice website.

The health and social care system is facing significant pressures due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Health and care information is essential to deliver care to individuals, to support health and social care services and to protect public health. Information will also be vital in researching, monitoring, tracking and managing the outbreak. In the current emergency it has become even more important to share health and care information across relevant organisations.

Existing law which allows confidential patient information to be used and shared appropriately and lawfully in a public health emergency is being used during this outbreak. Using this law the Secretary of State has required NHS Digital; NHS England and Improvement; Arms Length Bodies (such as Public Health England); local authorities; health organisations and GPs to share confidential patient information to respond to the Covid-19 outbreak. Any information used or shared during the Covid-19 outbreak will be limited to the period of the outbreak unless there is another legal basis to use the data. Further information is available on gov.uk [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-notification-of-data-controllers-to-share-information?utm_source=d05aa30e-95d2-48e3-93e0-0a696c35bd3c&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate) and some FAQs on this law are available [here](https://www.nhsx.nhs.uk/key-information-and-tools/information-governance-guidance/COPI-notice-FAQs).

During this period of emergency, opt-outs will not generally apply to the data used to support the Covid-19 outbreak, due to the public interest in sharing information. This includes [National Data Opt-outs](https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/). However in relation to the Summary Care Record, existing choices will be respected. Where data is used and shared under these laws your right to have personal data erased will also not apply. It may also take us longer to respond to Subject Access requests, Freedom of Information requests and new opt-out requests whilst we focus our efforts on responding to the outbreak.

In order to look after your health and care needs we may share your confidential patient information including health and care records with clinical and non clinical staff in other health and care providers, for example neighbouring GP practices, hospitals and NHS 111. We may also use the details we have to send public health messages to you, either by phone, text or email.

During this period of emergency we may offer you a consultation via telephone or video-conferencing. By accepting the invitation and entering the consultation you are consenting to this. Your personal/confidential patient information will be safeguarded in the same way it would with any other consultation.

We will also be required to share personal/confidential patient information with health and care organisations and other bodies engaged in disease surveillance for the purposes of

protecting public health, providing healthcare services to the public and monitoring and

managing the outbreak. Further information about how health and care data is being used and shared by other NHS and social care organisations in a variety of ways to support the Covid-19 response is [here](https://www.nhsx.nhs.uk/key-information-and-tools/information-governance-guidance/how-data-is-supporting-covid19).

NHS England and Improvement and NHSX have developed a single, secure store to gather data from across the health and care system to inform the Covid-19 response. This includes data already collected by NHS England, NHS Improvement, Public Health England and NHS Digital. New data will include 999 call data, data about hospital occupancy and A&E capacity data as well as [data provided by patients themselves](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus-status-checker). All the data held in the platform is subject to strict controls that meet the requirements of data protection legislation.

In such circumstances where you tell us you’re experiencing Covid-19 symptoms we may need to collect specific health data about you. Where we need to do so, we will not collect more information than we require and we will ensure that any information collected is treated with the appropriate safeguards.

We may amend this privacy notice at any time so please review it frequently. The date at the top of this page will be amended each time this notice is updated.