



# GP Summary Information

Providing quicker access to essential information to support the best and safest treatment for patient

## Sharing Your GP Summary information

If you require emergency or hospital treatment, it is important for the healthcare staff looking after you to have access to up-to-date information about your health and treatment. In some cases, patients with serious chronic conditions, including severe lung or heart disease, or cancer, will have agreed to a 'Key Information Summary' being made available by their GP to anyone treating them. This would contain important and relevant information for any health emergencies.

However, you may not be aware that important health information which would help in your treatment may not be available to healthcare staff out-with your GP Practice e.g. staff working in hospitals and Emergency Departments.

This is why NHS Forth Valley has made arrangements with local GP practices which enables relevant healthcare staff who provide hospital or emergency treatment access to a summary of important health information contained in your GP health record. Similar arrangements are in place in the rest of Scotland.

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## Who will be able to access my information?

Only authorised healthcare staff who are directly involved in supporting or providing your care will access this information, if required. This includes GPs working in out-of-hours centres, doctors working in hospitals, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, district nurses and health visitors.

Access to this information is strictly controlled and healthcare staff will only see the information they need to provide quick, safe and effective care.



## What information is included in the GP Summary?

- Medicines you take.
- Any allergies you have.
- Any important diagnoses you have (for example, significant conditions like diabetes, hypertension, heart, lung, or kidney disease, or arthritis), operations you may have had, or generally any condition which would be important to know about when treating you).
- Recent health information such as height, weight, blood pressure and smoking status.

## What information is not included in the GP Summary?

Information about gender related issues, termination of pregnancy, assisted fertilisation, sexually transmitted disease and alcohol consumption will not be shared.

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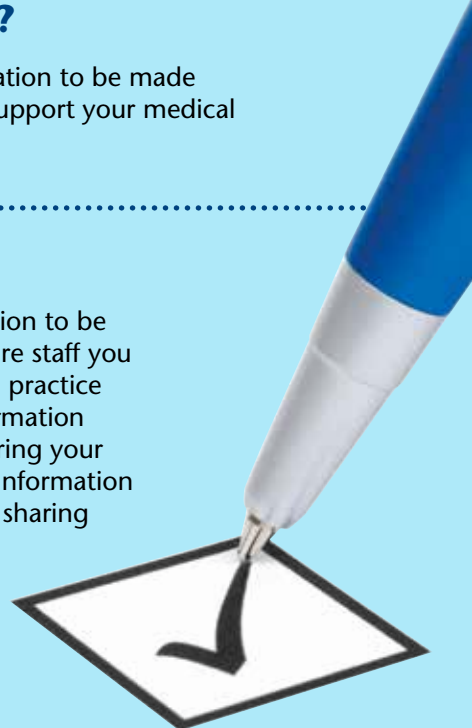
## Is there anything I need to do?

No, if you are happy for this important information to be made available in the appropriate circumstances to support your medical care, you don't need to do anything.

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## Can I opt-out?

If you do not want your GP Summary information to be shared with relevant NHS Forth Valley healthcare staff you can opt-out at any time by contacting your GP practice manager or reception desk. Sharing your information through the GP Summary is different from sharing your information with SPIRE (Scottish Primary Care Information Resource) so please consider what information sharing initiatives you wish to opt-out of before contacting your GP practice.





## **Where can I find more information?**

**Visit:** NHS Forth Valley website  
[www.nhsforthvalley.com/gpsummary](http://www.nhsforthvalley.com/gpsummary)

**Call:** NHS Forth Valley's Patient Relations Team on 01324 566660

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