



## Your emergency care summary

### New patient letter

Dear Patient

## Summary Care Record – your emergency care summary

The NHS in England is introducing the Summary Care Record, which will be used in emergency care.

The record will contain information about any **medicines you are taking, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines** you have had to ensure those caring for you have enough information to treat you safely.

Your Summary Care Record will be available to authorised healthcare staff providing your care anywhere in England, but they will ask your permission before they look at it. This means that if you have an accident or become ill, healthcare staff treating you will have immediate access to important information about your health.

Your GP practice is supporting Summary Care Records and as a patient you have a choice (Please tick one of the following):

- I would like a Summary Care Record**
  
- I would like a Summary Care Record + Additional Information (Significant Problems Past and Present, Significant procedures past and present, anticipatory care information, End of life care information and immunisations).**
  
- I do not want a Summary Care Record**

enclosed is an opt out form. **Please complete the form and hand it to a member of the GP practice staff.** Additional copies of the opt out form can be collected from the GP practice

For more information talk to our GP practice staff, visit the website [www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk](http://www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk) or telephone the dedicated NHS Summary Care Record Information Line on 0300 123 3020.

**You can choose not to have a Summary Care Record and you can change your mind at any time by informing your GP practice.**

Children under 16 will automatically have a Summary Care Record created for them unless their parent or guardian chooses to opt them out.

Patient Name:

Patient Signature: