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Welcome to Wolston Surgery, please find attached some information for you to complete and **important** information for you to read.

In your pack there should be the following

Registration form
Alcohol Identification form
New Patient Registration form

Please complete **all** the above and return to reception as soon as possible along with proof of Date of Birth and proof of address you will not be registered until these are all returned. You can also download our forms from the website.

You will need to book an appointment with the Nurse or Health Care Assistant. If you are any medication you will also need to book in with the doctor, please bring along a urine sample.

DATA SHARING AT WOLSTON SURGERY

The Doctors & Staff at Wolston Surgery working as part of the NHS, need and want to share data in various ways but we also want to protect your confidential and personal information. Data about health can be used for various reasons, both internally within the practice, and externally with other services.

In the last few years there have been a number of local & national schemes proposed & implemented where data will be compulsorily extracted from GP computer systems & sent elsewhere. Further data extractions for new purposes are due to occur soon. Some of these data extractions are to help the patient if they are seen elsewhere in the country. Some are purely for analysis of health care to improve the NHS services.

For many of these schemes, GP practices have a legal obligation to allow their data to be extracted. The only power we have as the data controllers of your Medical Record is to try to ensure that you are aware of where your medical records may be sent and why. *Patients* however *can*, in some cases, prohibit their data from being extracted.

The Summary Care Record (SCR) (Identifiable data)

This is a national database that is intended to provide basic health information to all providers who need it. This is currently being rolled out across the country. It is intended that your demographics (personal details such as name, dob, address etc) as well as basic medical information about you, (initially just drugs and allergies) would be stored and made accessible to anyone needing it within the NHS (for example if you were seen in a Casualty department in another area of the country. You can ask to “opt out” of the SCR if you wish by asking the practice to amend your records. Click on the link on our website under the heading Summary Care Record for more information, also you can download the opt out form. However if you do not have access to the internet please ask at reception for a form

Care.data (Rolling out nationally from Spring 2014)

In 2013 the government proposed to extract large sections of data from GP practices to form a national database from which they intend to analyse health needs across the country but also down to local assessments. This has not yet been implemented and we need to wait to see the details. However, if it *is* implemented, **GP’s will not have a choice about this extraction** and it will be universal, to help support NHS planning. This will be a one off chance. Patients cannot object to the extraction of data if it is anonymised, when it’s not possible to identify the person involved. However, the care.data project will be extracting **identifiable** data. This will be sent, initially, to a large organisation called the HSCIC (Health & Social Care Information Centre) where it will be held securely. This data will then, it is claimed, be anonymised so that it would not be possible to work out whose data was whose. It could then be passed on, or sold on, to other agencies, including commercial organisations. Click on the link on our website under the heading Health and Social Care Information Centre for more information, also you can download the opt out form here. However if you do not have access to the internet please ask at reception for a form.