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The Summary Care Record

Your local and national health records -providing quicker access to essential information to support the best and safest treatment for patients

What is the Summary Care Record?

A **Summary Care Record** is an electronic record which is available only to authorised healthcare professionals across England who care for you in urgent, emergency situations. This might be if you are ill when you are away from home or when your GP surgery is closed. It is based on your GP record and contains key information to support emergency care such as:

- Medicines you take
- Any allergies you have
- Any bad reactions you have had to medicines

You may want to add other details about your care to your Summary Care Record. This will only happen if you ask for the information to be included. You should discuss your wishes with your GP.

For more information, you will find details of the SCR website listed on the bottom.

What is the Oxfordshire Care Summary?

The **Oxfordshire Care Summary** is an electronic view of more detailed clinical information from your GP record and other local records kept to support your care. It is available locally to authorised health and social care professionals who provide care for you.

It is being developed all the time to best meet the needs of patients and the professionals who care for them. It provides a view of information such as:

- Medicines you take
- Any allergies you have
- Any bad reactions you have had to medicines
- Your medical history and diagnoses
- Test results and X-ray reports
- Your vaccination history
- General health readings e.g. blood pressure
- Your appointments, hospital admissions, GP out-of-hours attendances and ambulance calls
- Care / management plans
- Correspondence such as discharge summaries.

Do I have a Summary Care Record and an Oxfordshire Care Summary?

You can choose whether or not to have a Summary Care Record or Oxfordshire Care Summary. If you were registered at an Oxfordshire GP practice in 2012, you will have received a letter asking if you want these records created; otherwise you will have been asked when you registered at the practice. If you haven't opted out of either of these records, they will have been created for you.

If you are unsure about whether you have a Summary Care Record or an Oxfordshire Care Summary, please ask your GP practice. You can change your mind at any time.

Who can access my information?

Access to both records is strictly controlled.

Only authorised health and social care staff that are **directly involved** in supporting or providing your care can access this information and they will only see the information they need to do their job.

Healthcare staff will ask your permission when they need to look at your Summary Care Record or Oxfordshire Care Summary.

If they cannot ask your permission, for example if you are unconscious, or if you are not present, they may look at your health records without asking you so that they can quickly provide you with the most appropriate care and treatment. The record will indicate that they have done so, and what they looked at. If necessary, they will be required to justify their actions.

How will this support my care and treatment?

- These records allow faster and easier access to essential, up-to-date and accurate information about you.
- Health and social care staff supporting and providing your care will be able to use the information about you to help them make decisions and to prevent mistakes.
- In an emergency, health care staff will have access to your medications and allergies to ensure the treatment they give you is safe and appropriate.
- In outpatient departments, specialists will have access to detailed medical history so will be able to make better decisions about your care.
- In hospital, nurses and discharge planners will have information about care you already receive at home to ensure you don't stay in any longer than you need to.
- In the community, district nurses will have access to information about care you received in hospital.
- Better access to more detailed information about your health makes your care quicker, safer and more personal; improving the quality of your care.

Where can I find more information?

For the Summary Care Record		For the Oxfordshire Care Summary	
Visit:	www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk or www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/your-health/summary-care-record	Visit:	www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/your-health/oxfordshire-care-summary
Call:	The Health and Social Care Information Centre on 0300 3035678	Call:	The Oxfordshire Care Summary team on 0300 1232061
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