**Oakwood Surgery**

**General Data Protection Regulation**



The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a new law that determines how your personal data is processed and kept safe, and the legal rights that you have in relation to your own data.

**This regulation applies from 25TH May 2018 and will apply even after the UK leaves the EU.**

**What GPDR will mean for patients.**

* The GDPR sets out the key principles about processing personal data, for staff or patients
* Data must be processed lawfully, fairly and transparently
* It must be collected for specific, explicit and legitimate purposes
* It must be limited to what is necessary for the purposes for which it is processed
* Information must be accurate and kept up to date
* Data must be held securely
* Certain Data can only be retained for as long as is necessary for the reasons it was collected, although health records are kept for life.

There are also stronger rights for patients regarding the information that practices hold about them.

These Include;

* Being informed about how their data is being used
* Patients to have access to their own data
* Patients can ask to have incorrect information changed
* Restrict how their data is used
* Move their patient data from one health organisation to another
* The right to object to patient information being processed (in certain circumstances)

**For more detailed information about how we use and protect patient data, please see our Privacy Notice. To view click General Data Protection Regulation. A copy is also available from reception.**