

Privacy Notice on Public Health

Public health encompasses everything from national smoking and alcohol policies, the management of epidemics such as flu, the control of large scale infections such as TB and Hepatitis B to local outbreaks of food poisoning or Measles. Certain illnesses are also notifiable; the doctors treating the patient are required by law to inform the Public Health Authorities, for instance Scarlet Fever.

This will necessarily mean the subjects personal and health information being shared with the Public Health organisations.

Some of the relevant legislation includes: [the Health Protection \(Notification\) Regulations 2010 \(SI 2010/659\)](#), [the Health Protection \(Local Authority Powers\) Regulations 2010 \(SI 2010/657\)](#), [the Health Protection \(Part 2A Orders\) Regulations 2010 \(SI 2010/658\)](#), [Public Health \(Control of Disease\) Act 1984](#), [Public Health \(Infectious Diseases\) Regulations 1988](#) and [The Health Service \(Control of Patient Information\) Regulations 2002](#)

We are required by law to provide you with the following information about how we handle your information and our legal obligations to share data.

Data Controller	Pickhurst Surgery
Data Protection Officer	Danielle Gibbons, GP Data Protection Officer gpdpo@selondonics.nhs.uk
Purpose of processing	There are occasions when medical data needs to be shared with Public Health England, the Local Authority Director of Public Health, or the Health Protection Agency, either under a legal obligation or for reasons of public interest or their equivalents in the devolved nations.
Lawful Basis for processing	The processing of personal data in the delivery of direct care and for providers' administrative purposes in this surgery and in support of direct care elsewhere is supported under the following Article 6 and 9 conditions of the GDPR: <i>Article 6(1)(e) '...necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority...'. Article 9(2)(h) 'necessary for the purposes of preventative or occupational medicine for the assessment of the working capacity of the employee, medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services...'</i> We will also recognise your rights established under UK case law collectively known as the "Common Law Duty of Confidentiality"*
Recipient or categories of recipients of your personal data	The data will be shared with Public Health England https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england and equivalents in the devolved nations.

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Your right to object	You have the right to object to some or all of the information being shared with the recipients. Contact the Data Controller or the practice.
Your right to access and correction	You have the right to access the data that is being shared and have any inaccuracies corrected. There is no right to have accurate medical records deleted except when ordered by a court of Law.
Retention period	The data will be retained for active use during the period of the public interest and according to legal requirements and Public Health England's criteria on storing identifiable data https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england/about/personal-information-charter .
Your right to complain	Use of personal data is overseen by the Information Commissioners Office, often known as the ICO. You have to complain or raise concerns with the ICO and they can be contacted via their website: https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/ Or you can also call their helpline Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) 01625 545 745 (national rate)