**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 indicate your choice below. You can change your mind at any time by informing us.

**Yes, I WOULD LIKE a Summary Care Record -** you do not need to do anything.

**No, I DO NOT want a Summary Care Record** (*sign*) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**9Nd0**

If you need more time to make your choice you should let your GP Practice know.

For more information you can talk to:

* Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) (Customer Insight Unit, The Hereford Centre, Garrick House, Widemarsh St, Hereford. HR4 9EU. Tel: 01432 260263),
* GP practice staff
* Visit the PCT’s website ([www.wyevalley.nhs.uk](http://nww.herefordshire.nhs.uk/PCTHomepage.aspx))
* Visit the NHS Summary Care Record’s website ([www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk](http://www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk))
* Telephone the dedicated NHS Summary Care Record Information Line on 0300 123 3020.

Additional copies of the opt out form can be collected from the GP practice, printed from the website [www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk](http://www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk) or requested from 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.**

If you do nothing we will assume that you are happy with these changes and create a Summary Care Record for you. Children under 16 will automatically have a Summary Care Record created for them unless their parent or guardian chooses to opt them out. If you are the parent or guardian of a child under 16 and feel that they are old enough to understand, then you should make this information available to them.

If you are opting out on behalf of another person or a child, their GP Practice will consider this request.

**What does it mean if I DO NOT have a Summary Care record?**

NHS healthcare staff caring for you may not be aware of your current medications, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines you have had, in order to treat you safely in an emergency.

Your records will stay as they are now with information being shared by letter, email, fax or phone.