Dear Patient

**Summary Care Record – your emergency care summary**

The NHS in England has introduced 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.

We are supporting Summary Care Records and as a patient you have a choice:

• **Yes I would like a Summary Care Record** – you do not need to do anything

and a Summary Care Record will be created for you.

• **No I do not want a Summary Care Record** – **Please complete an opt-out**

**form and hand it to a member of the practice staff**.

If you need more time to make your choice please let us know.

Additional copies of the opt-out form can be collected from reception, printed from the website 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 us in writing of your wishes.**

If you do nothing we will assume that you are happy for us to create a Summary Care Record for you. Children under 16 will automatically have a Summary Care Record created for them. If you are the parent or guardian of a child under 16 then you may requests to opt them out and we will consider this request. 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.

Yours sincerely

Danebridge Medical Practice