

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Who are our partner organisations?

- Health authorities
- NHS Trusts
- Primary care Trusts/ to become National Commissioning Board from 1/4/13.
- General Practitioners (GPs)
- Ambulance services

Your Information may also, subject to strict agreements describing how it will be used, be shared with:

- NHS Common Service Agencies such as Primary Care Support Services
- Social Services
- Education Services
- Local Authorities
- Voluntary Sector Providers
- Private Sector Providers

How you can get access to your own health records

The Data Protection Act 1998 allows you to find out what information about you is held on computer and in certain manual records. This is known as 'right of subject access'. It applies to your health records.

If you want to see them you should make a written request to the NHS organisations where you are being, or have been treated. You are entitled to receive a copy but should note that a charge would usually be made.

You should always be aware that in certain circumstances your right to see some details of your health records may be limited in your own interest or for other reasons.

Everyone working for the NHS has a legal duty to keep information about you confidential.

You may be receiving care from other organisations as well as NHS (like social services). We may need to share information to benefit your care. We only share information with others involved with your care, if there is a genuine need to.

Anyone who receives information from us is also under a legal duty to keep it confidential.

Further Information

If you would like to know more about how we use your information or if, for any reason you do not wish to have your information used in any of the ways described here and the additional information available at reception. Please speak with the Health professionals involved with your care or the Data Protection Officer of the NHS organisation where you are registered.