

Fair Processing Patient Letter

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Dear Patient

We are writing to let you that from *[Start Date]* the GP Practice will be working much more closely with our local hospital The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT), as part of a new and exciting joint project.

As part of this project we plan to improve communication between your GP practice, RWT and local community services to improve the way you are managed by your local NHS. For example, this change will promote the sharing of patient information to make your patient journey smoother and more effective.

This letter is just to keep you up to date about what is happening you do not need to do anything. We want to reassure you that there will be no changes to the way in which we deliver day-to-day services. The information below will explain the partnership:

Why is this happening now?

Following a government report into the future of the NHS (NHS Five Year Forward View) all healthcare organisations are being encouraged to think and do things differently.

What we're doing: The GP Practice and RWT have information about patients but often the information isn't shared in a timely manner. We want to be able to share this information quicker.

We want to do this for two reasons:

- 1) To allow your GP, hospital Doctors and other health care professionals to quickly understand your care needs and respond in order to keep you healthy.

- 2) To allow us to better understand the needs of patients as a whole and ensure the right NHS services are in the right place at the right time to meet their needs.

Who we're sharing with: The information will only be shared between the GP practice and RWT.

How we're sharing: The security of your patient information is extremely important to us. That's why your information will only be shared through secure NHS systems. We will be linking the information between your GP practice and RWT through your NHS number only.

The benefit of linking the information between your surgery and RWT is to improve your care. In addition to sharing and utilising your data for direct care, non-patient identifiable data will be used by RWT and local Clinical Commissioning Group to undertake analysis of this data for secondary purpose (other uses such as planning services and research).

What's the impact of opting out: You can opt out of sharing your data for secondary purposes, for information on how to do this – please email [PRACTICE EMAIL] and we will be in touch. There will be no impact on your direct care.

For more information on how your information is processed please visit the GP Practice fair processing notice website link on [PRACTICE PRIVACY NOTICE] If you have any comments or questions regarding the changes please contact the GP Practice.

Yours sincerely,

The GP's and staff at ***** Surgery