

WINTERTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

New contractual requirements came into force from 1 April 2014, requiring that GP Practices should make available a statement of intent in relation to the following Information Technology (IT) developments:

1. Summary Care Record (SCR)
2. GP to GP Record Transfers
3. Patient Online Access to Their GP Record
4. Data for commissioning and other secondary care purposes

The same contractual obligations require that GP Practices have a statement of intent regarding these developments in place and publicised by 30 September 2014.

Please find below details of our Practice's stance with regards to these points.

Summary Care Record (SCR)

NHS England requires practices to enable successful automated uploads of any changes to patient's summary information, at least on a daily basis, to the summary care record (SCR). Having your Summary Care Record (SCR) available will help anyone treating you without your full medical record. They will have access to information about any medication you may be taking and any drugs that you have a recorded allergy or sensitivity to.

Of course if you do not want your medical records to be available in this way then you will need to let us know so that we can update your record. You can do this via the opt out form (available at reception or on our website www.wintertonmedicalpractice.nhs.uk). See also "Record Sharing patient information leaflet" available in our waiting room or further information available on our website.

Winterton Medical Practice confirms that your SCR is currently automatically updated, on at least a daily basis, to ensure your information is as up to date as it can be.

GP to GP Record Transfers

NHS England requires practices to utilise the GP2GP facility for the transfer of patient records between practices, when a patient registers or de-registers (not for temporary registration).

It is very important that you are registered with a doctor at all times. If you leave your GP and register with a new GP, your medical records will be removed from your previous doctor and forwarded on to your new GP via NHS England. It can take your paper records

up to two weeks to reach your new surgery. With GP to GP record transfers your electronic record is transferred to your new practice much sooner. Winterton Medical Practice confirms that GP to GP transfers will be active by 8th October 2014 to send and receive patient records via this system.

Patient Online Access to Their GP Record

NHS England require practices to promote and offer the facility to enable patients to have online access to appointments, prescriptions, allergies and adverse reactions or have published plans in place to achieve this by 31st of March 2015.

We currently offer the facility for booking and cancelling appointments and also for ordering your repeat prescriptions on-line. Speak to reception or dispensary for further information and to obtain your unique username and password (*Identification will be required*).

Winterton Medical Practice will be working with IT to enable access to your record regarding medications, allergies and adverse reactions and this will be in place by 31st March 2015.

Data for Commissioning and other Secondary Care Purposes

It is already a requirement of the Health and Social Care Act that practices must meet the reasonable data requirements of commissioners and other health and social care organisations through appropriate and safe data sharing for secondary uses, as specified in the technical specification for care.data. At Winterton Medical Practice we have specific arrangements in place to allow patients to “opt out” of care.data which allows for the removal of data from the practice.

Please see the information leaflet “Record Sharing” available in our waiting room or further information available on our website. This will explain about care.data and any other sharing agreements that are currently in place.

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Winterton Medical Practice confirms these arrangements are in place and that we undertake annual training and audits to ensure that all our data is handled correctly and safely via the Information Governance Toolkit.

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