

The following table builds upon the information in our Privacy Notice (also known as Fair Processing notice) and is published to ensure transparency. This list is not exhaustive. Where the offering of a service to a patient will inform them about the sharing of their data, e.g. support from smoking cessation services, it is not necessarily included here. This list does not set out uses of anonymous data where identity has been completely removed (such as anonymised data to the Department for Work and Pensions on provision of ‘fit notes’).

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<p>Shared Care Records – Somerset Integrated Digital electronic Record (SIDeR+)</p>	<p>Purpose To ensure you receive effective, safe care, we will, through digital means enable your record to be available to those providing your care in whichever care setting you are seen, such as an A&E attendance, a physiotherapy appointment, a social care needs assessment.</p> <p>To achieve this, the aim of Shared Care Records is to enable health and care staff to view your information, to save valuable time in getting you the right treatment. Your information will only be available to the staff involved in your direct care, and not at any other time, or for any other reason.</p> <p>Further information can be found here SIDeR+ (https://nhssomerset.nhs.uk/about-us/digital-projects/sider/)</p> <p>Legal Basis – Article 6(1)e ‘exercise of official authority’ and article 9(2)h ‘Provision of health and care’</p> <p>Processor – Black Pear</p>
<p>Summary Care Record</p>	<p>Purpose - The NHS in England uses a national electronic record called the Summary Care Record (SCR) to support patient care. It contains key information from your GP record. Your SCR provides authorised healthcare staff with faster, secure access to essential information about you in an emergency or when you need unplanned care, where such information would otherwise be unavailable.</p> <p>Legal Basis – Article 6(1)e ‘exercise of official authority’ and article 9(2)h ‘Provision of health and care’</p> <p>Further information can be found NHS Summary Care Record Website (https://digital.nhs.uk/services/summary-care-records-scr)</p> <p>Controller of summary care record data – NHS England</p>
<p>Test requests and results</p>	<p>Purpose – Some basic identifying details, the type of test requested and if required any relevant health information is shared with Pathology Laboratories when tests such as blood or urine tests need to be undertaken. The laboratory will also hold the details of the</p>

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	<p>request and the result. The result/report will be sent digitally to the practice who will hold it in the patient’s record.</p> <p>Legal Basis – Article 6(1)e ‘exercise of official authority’ and article 9(2)h ‘Provision of health and care’</p> <p>Controller of test data – Somerset Pathology Services The laboratory that process the request and result are a controller of the data generated by the test process.</p>
Research	<p>Purpose – Occasionally, your data may be shared with other organisations for research purposes. When shared the information would usually be provided in an anonymous format. If identifiable information is planned to be shared for research purposes, where possible consent to share will be sought. If you have opted out of having your identifiable information shared for this purpose then it will not be used. Details on how to opt out are on the NHS Sharing Data Website. (https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters/)</p> <p>Legal Basis – consent is required to share confidential identifiable patient information for research purposes, unless there is support under the Health Service (Control of Patient Information Regulations) 2002 (‘section 251 support’) applying via the Confidentiality Advisory Group in England and Wales</p> <p>The organisation leading the research will be the controller of data disclosed to them.</p>
Individual Funding Requests	<p>Purpose – We may need to process your personal information where we are required to apply for funding for a specific treatment for you for a particular condition that is not routinely available.</p> <p>Legal Basis - The clinical professional who first identifies that you may need the treatment will explain to you the information that is needed to be collected and processed in order to assess your needs and commission your care; they will gain your explicit consent to share this. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. If you are happy for the request to be made, the basis for processing your data is: Article 6(1)e ‘exercise of official authority’ and article 9(2)h ‘Provision of health and care’</p> <p>Your data will be disclosed to NHS Somerset ICB who manages the individual funding request process.</p>
Child Health Information Service	<p>Purpose - We wish to make sure that your child has opportunity to have immunisations and health checks when they are due. We share information about childhood immunisations, the 6-8 week new baby check and breast-feeding status with health visitors and school nurses.</p>

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<p>Risk Stratification – Preventative Care</p>	<p>Legal Basis – Article 6(1)e ‘exercise of official authority’ and article 9(2)h ‘Provision of health and care’</p> <p>Purpose - ‘Risk stratification for case finding’ is a process for identifying and managing patients who have or may be at-risk of health conditions (such as diabetes) or who are most likely to need healthcare services (such as people with frailty). Risk stratification tools used in the NHS help determine a person’s risk of suffering a particular condition and enable us to focus on preventing ill health before it develops.</p> <p>Information about you is collected from a variety of sources including NHS Trusts and your GP Practice. A risk score is then arrived at to help us identify and offer you additional services to improve your health.</p> <p>In addition, data with your identity removed is used to inform the development and delivery of services across the local area.</p> <p>If you do not wish information about you to be included in any risk stratification programmes, please let us know. We can add a code to your records that will stop your information from being used for this purpose. Please be aware that this may limit the ability of healthcare professionals to identify if you have or are at risk of developing certain serious health conditions.</p> <p>Legal Basis Article 6(1)e ‘exercise of official authority’ and article 9(2)h ‘Provision of health and care’.</p> <p>Risk stratification is approved by the Secretary of State, through the Confidentiality Advisory Group of the Health Research Authority, which gives a statutory legal basis under Section 251 of the NHS Act 2006 to process data for risk stratification purposes which sets aside the duty of confidentiality. We are committed to conducting risk stratification effectively, in ways that are consistent with the laws that protect your confidentiality.</p> <p>Controller to which data is disclosed: Somerset Council (Anonymised Data Only)</p>
<p>Clinical Digital Tools</p>	<p>Purpose – A variety of clinical digital tools are used at GP practices to support clinicians managing patients with very specific conditions or to identify patients who may be at risk of health conditions in the future. These digital tools enable clinicians to focus on preventative care or very specialist care for specific conditions.</p> <p>Prior to introducing clinical digital tools to NHS services, a strict process of assessment is undertaken to ensure that NHS criteria are met – Digital technology assessment criteria.</p>

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	<p data-bbox="555 239 1342 309">(https://www.nhsx.nhs.uk/key-tools-and-info/digital-technology-assessment-criteria-dtac/)</p> <p data-bbox="555 349 1385 521">Where relevant to use a digital tool, your patient information is collected from your electronic patient record held at the GP practice. This data is processed by the authorised third-party supplier and the results are made available to the healthcare professional at the Practice and linked to your electronic patient record.</p> <p data-bbox="555 562 1385 701">The use of clinical digital tools maybe but not always linked with ‘risk stratification for case finding’ (please see above section) enabling resources to be used efficiently and effectively for patient care in GP practices.</p> <p data-bbox="555 741 1385 842">Although digital technology is used to support healthcare professionals in their work, decisions about patient care are made by a person and not automated.</p> <p data-bbox="555 882 1385 985">Digital support tools are being developed/updated and introduced to NHS services regularly. Examples that may be used in GP practices are:</p> <ul data-bbox="611 1025 1385 1350" style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for anticoagulation management plans and medications for a specific cohort of patients • A clinical decision support tool to identify potential patients who may benefit from additional health care services or support to help keeping them well and avoiding admission to hospital • A clinical decision support tool that identifies patients at higher risk of cancer at the earliest stage <p data-bbox="555 1391 1362 1460">We will use and share your information using these digital tools for your direct care purposes.</p> <p data-bbox="555 1500 1362 1673">If you have concerns about how your data is used, please let us know, noting if you do object this may limit our ability to identify if you have or are at risk of developing certain serious health conditions or be included in specialised monitoring of specific conditions.</p> <p data-bbox="555 1713 1390 1816">Legal Basis Article 6(1)e ‘exercise of official authority’ and article 9(2)h ‘Provision of health and care’.</p>
Administrative (functional) Digital Tools	<p data-bbox="555 1856 1369 1995">Purpose - In addition to the clinical digital tools, we may also use a range of digital tools to support efficiencies for staff and patients to streamline, improve service delivery and administrative functions. These functions could include, but not limited to:</p> <ul data-bbox="611 2000 983 2033" style="list-style-type: none"> • On-line patient registration

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient registration • Patient check-in <p>For the most part these digital tools use automation processes rather than AI (artificial intelligence) and are monitored and checked by practice staff.</p> <p>Legal Basis - Article 6(1)e ‘exercise of official authority’ and article 9(2)h ‘Provision of health and care’</p>
<p>Population Health Management</p>	<p>Purpose – Health and care service providers across Somerset work together as ‘Integrated Care Systems’ (ICS) and are sharing data to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the health and care needs of the care system’s population, including health inequalities • Provide support to where it will have the most impact • Identify early actions to keep people well, not only focusing on people in direct contact with services but, looking to join up care across different partners. <p>Type of Data – Identifiable/Pseudonymised/Anonymised/Aggregate Data. NB only organisations that provide your individual care will see your identifiable data.</p> <p>Legal Basis - Article 6(1)(e); “necessary... in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller’ And Article 9(2)(h) Provision of health and care</p> <p>Population Health Management also incorporates the use of risk stratification tools as an integral part of the purpose (please see the risk stratification section of this notice above).</p>
<p>Public Health Screening programmes (identifiable) Notifiable disease information (identifiable) Smoking cessation (anonymous) Sexual health (anonymous)</p>	<p>Purpose – The NHS provides national screening programmes so that certain diseases can be detected at an early stage. These currently apply to bowel cancer, breast cancer, aortic aneurysms and diabetic retinal screening service. The law allows us to share your contact information with Public Health England so that you can be invited to the relevant screening programme. Personal identifiable and anonymous data is shared. More information can be found visit website: Population Screening Explained Website (https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-population-screening-explained) or speak to the practice</p> <p>Legal Basis Article 6(1)e ‘exercise of official authority’ and article 9(2)h ‘Provision of health and care’.</p> <p>Controller to which data is disclosed: Public Health Services (England), Somerset Council (Anonymised data only)</p>

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NHS Trusts	<p>Purpose – Personal information is shared with Hospitals, Community Services, Mental Health Services and others in order to provide you with care services. This could be for a range of services, including treatment, operations, physio, and community nursing, ambulance service.</p> <p>Legal Basis Article 6(1)e ‘exercise of official authority’ and article 9(2)h ‘Provision of health and care’.</p> <p>Controller to which data is disclosed: Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust South West Ambulance Service Somerset NHS Foundation Trust University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust</p>
Care Quality Commission (CQC)	<p>Purpose – The CQC is the regulator for the English Health and Social Care services to ensure that safe care is provided. They will inspect and produce reports back to the GP practice on a regular basis. The Law allows the CQC to access identifiable data but only where it is needed to conduct their services.</p> <p>More detail on how they ensure compliance with data protection law (including GDPR) and their privacy statement is available on the CQC website: Care Quality Commission Privacy Statement (https://www.cqc.org.uk/about-us/our-policies/privacy-statement)</p> <p>Legal Basis - Article 6(1)c “processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject.” And Article 9(2)h ‘management of health and care services’</p> <p>Controller data is disclosed to – Care Quality Commission</p>
Payments	<p>Purpose - Payments to the practice come in many different forms. Some payments are based on the number of patients that receive specific services, such as diabetic reviews and immunisation programmes. To make patient based payments basic and relevant necessary data about you needs to be sent to the various payment services, this data contains limited identity if needed, such as your NHS number. The release of this data is required by English laws.</p> <p>Legal Basis - Article 6(1)(c) “processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject.” And Article 9(2)(h) ‘as stated below</p>

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	<p>Controllers that data is disclosed to – NHS England, NHS Somerset ICB, Public Health</p>
<p>Patient Record data base support</p>	<p>Purpose – The practice uses electronic patient records. Our supplier of the electronic patient record system is EMIS Ltd</p> <p>Our supplier does not access identifiable records without permission of the practice and this is only given where it is necessary to investigate issues on a particular record</p> <p>Legal Basis Article 6(1)e ‘exercise of official authority’ and article 9(2)h ‘management of health and care services’.</p>
<p>Medicines optimisation</p>	<p>Purpose – We use software packages linked to our patient record system to aid when prescribing drugs. These ensure that prescribing is effective. We do not share your identifiable data with the companies that provide these packages</p> <p>Legal Basis Article 6(1)e ‘exercise of official authority’ and article 9(2)h ‘Provision of health and care’.</p>
<p>Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDTs)</p>	<p>Purpose - We work closely with a range of other care providers to deliver the best direct care possible for you. Multi-disciplinary teams(MDTs) are our way of bringing together care providers for conversations in a confidential environment about care arrangements for you where this is appropriate. For example, if you have a number of long term conditions and would benefit from additional support. Where possible, we will inform you that your care will be discussed in this type of forum. However, if this may not always be possible and in these circumstances, we will consider your best interests and will share information on this basis. MDTs operate within clear guidelines to ensure confidentiality when sharing patient information.</p> <p>Legal Basis Article 6(1)e ‘exercise of official authority’ and article 9(2)h ‘Provision of health and care’.</p>
<p>Clinical Audit</p>	<p>Purpose – Information will be used by NHS Somerset ICB for clinical audit to monitor the quality of the service provided to patients with long term conditions. When required, information will be held centrally and used for statistical purposes (e.g. the National Diabetes Audit). When this happens, strict measures are taken to ensure that individual patients cannot be identified from the data.</p> <p>Legal Basis</p>

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National Fraud Initiative - Cabinet Office	<p>Purpose – The use of data by the Cabinet Office for data matching is carried out with statutory authority. It does not require the consent of the individuals concerned under Data Protection legislation. Data matching by the Cabinet Office is subject to a Code of Practice. For further information visit web site: Code of Data Matching Practice for the National Fraud Initiative (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/code-of-data-matching-practice-for-national-fraud-initiative)</p> <p>NFI activities vary each year, so data would only be disclosed if required by the focus of their activities</p> <p>Legal Basis – Part 6 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014</p> <p>Controller – Cabinet Office</p>
National Registries	<p>Purpose – National Registries (such as the Learning Disabilities Register) have statutory permission under Section 251 of the NHS Act 2006, to collect and hold service user identifiable information without the need to seek informed consent from each individual service user.</p> <p>Legal Basis – Section 251 of the NHS Act 2006</p>
Police	<p>Purpose – The police may request information in relation to on-going enquiries, all requests are reviewed and only appropriate information will be shared under legislation.</p> <p>Legal Basis – Article 6(1)e – task carried out in the public interest Article 9(2)c - Vital Interests Article 9(2)f - Legal claims or judicial acts Article 9(2)g - Reasons of substantial public interest</p> <p>Controller disclosed to - Police</p>

Reviews of and Changes to our Privacy Notice

We will keep our Privacy Notice under regular review. This notice was last reviewed January 2025