

WHAT IS THE CARE DATA SCHEME AND WHY SHOULD WE OPPOSE IT?



GP practices across England have been required to supply patients' personal and confidential medical information to the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC).

A national database of this information should be used for medical research, commissioning and improving care, **BUT....**

The Government has delayed collecting this data because of widespread objections that:

- HSCIC has already sold hospital data to private companies;
- these companies are likely to focus on research and treatments for profit, not patient benefit;
- Individuals' data is not anonymous and could be misused by health insurance and pharmaceutical companies.

Now, the Government has set up some safeguards and is trying out a scheme in a few GP practices. It is not clear yet, whether the system could be abused by any organisation

AS A PATIENT...

you do have a right with your family, to opt out of this system, otherwise you will be included.

Fill in the form overleaf, one for each member of your family. Hand it to your surgery. This tells your GP to pass your data on only for your personal treatment. This form will not effect any other services you get.

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will publicise any changes made that will mean that your personal information is safe and secure and that a national database can then only be used for medical research and public health purposes.

YOU CAN CHOOSE AT ANY TIME TO ASK YOUR GP TO SUPPLY YOUR INFORMATION TO THE DATABASE

Dissent from secondary use of patient information data

Dear Doctor,

I am writing to give notice that I refuse consent for my identifiable information and the identifiable information for those for whom I am responsible [delete as appropriate] to be transferred from your practice system for any purpose other than my medical care.

Please take whatever steps necessary to ensure my/our [delete as appropriate] confidential personal information is not uploaded and record my dissent by whatever means possible.

This includes adding the Dissent from secondary use of GP patient identifiable data (1) code (Read v2: 9Nu0 or CTV3) to my record as well as the 'Dissent from disclosure of personal confidential data by Health and Social Care Information Centre' code (Read v2: 9Nu4 or CTV3: XaaVL).

I am aware of the implications of this request , understand that it will not affect the care I/we receive and will notify you if I change my mind.

Yours sincerely

(signature)

Name _____

Date _____

Information to help identify my records

Title Mr Mrs Miss Ms Dr (circle appropriate title)

Surname/Family name _____

Address _____

Post code _____

Date of birth _____

NHS number (if known) _____