

What is the Summary Care Record?

Summary Care Records contain important information about any medicines you are taking, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines that you have had.

Giving healthcare staff access to this information can prevent mistakes being made when caring for you in an emergency or when your GP practice is closed.

You can choose whether or not to have a Summary Care Record.

Who can see my Summary Care Record?

Only healthcare staff involved in supporting or providing your care can see your Summary Care Record. These:

- need to be directly involved in caring for you;
- need to have an NHS Smartcard with a chip and passcode (like a bank card and PIN);
- will only see the information they need to do their job; and
- should have their details recorded.

Healthcare staff will ask your permission every time they need to look at your Summary Care Record. If they cannot ask you, for example if you are unconscious, they may look at your Summary Care Record without asking you. If they do this, they will make a note on your record to say why they have done so.

What are my choices with Summary Care Records?

You can choose to have a Summary Care Record. You do not need to do anything. This will happen automatically.

You can choose not to have a Summary Care Record. If you do not want a Summary Care Record, you need to complete the opt-out form below. **Please consider carefully before completing this form and opting out as this record may help with your care when you attend hospital or are treated by someone other than the practice.**

OPT OUT FORM FOR SUMMARY CARE RECORD

Title: **Surname:** **Forenames:**

Address:

Date of birth:

NHS Number if known:

Signature: