

Priory Medical Group - Privacy Policy

Our legal basis for processing your data

Processing is for direct patient care and GP practices must establish both a lawful basis for processing and a special category condition for processing to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The lawful basis for processing is Article 6(1)(e) 'necessary in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller' and the special category condition is Article 9(2)(h) 'necessary for the purposes of preventative or occupational medicine for the assessment of the working capacity of the employee, medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services'.

Where disclosures are a legal requirement the lawful basis and special category condition for processing are: Article 6(1)(c) '...for compliance with a legal obligation...' and Article 9(2)(h) '...management of health or social care systems...'

The surgery will always gain your consent before releasing the information for this purpose, the GDPR lawful basis and special category condition are Article 6(1)(e) '...for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest...' and Article 9(2)(j) '...research purposes...'

How we use your information

The health care professionals who provide you with care maintain records about your health and any treatment or care you have received previously (e.g. NHS Trust, GP Surgery, Walk-in clinic, etc.). These records help to provide you with the best possible healthcare.

NHS health records may be electronic, on paper or a mixture of both, and we use a combination of working practices and technology to ensure that your information is kept confidential and secure. Records which this GP Practice hold about you may include the following information;

Details about you, such as your address, carer, legal representative, emergency contact details

- Any contact the surgery has had with you, such as appointments, clinic visits, emergency appointments, etc.
- Notes and reports about your health

- Details about your treatment and care
- Results of investigations such as laboratory tests, x-rays etc
- Relevant information from other health professionals, relatives or those who care for you.

Risk Stratification

Risk stratification data tools are increasingly being used in the NHS to help determine a person's risk of suffering a particular condition, preventing an unplanned or (re)admission and identifying a need for preventive intervention. Information about you is collected from a number of sources including NHS Trusts and from this GP Practice. A risk score is then arrived at through an analysis of your de-identified information using software, and is only provided back to your GP as data controller in an identifiable form. Risk stratification enables your GP to focus on preventing ill health and not just the treatment of sickness. If necessary your GP may be able to offer you additional services.

Please note that you have the right to opt out of your data being used in this way.

Medicines Management

The Practice may conduct Medicines Management Reviews of medications prescribed to its patients. This service performs a review of prescribed medications to ensure patients receive the most appropriate, up to date and cost effective treatments. This service is provided to practices within North Yorkshire through NHS Vale of York CCG

Disclosures which are required by law or clinical audit requirements

In order to comply with its legal obligations this practice may send data to NHS Digital when directed by the Secretary of State for Health under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the practice contributes to national clinical audits and will send the data which are required by NHS Digital when the law allows. This may include demographic data, such as date of birth, and information about your health which is recorded in coded form, for example, the clinical code for diabetes or high blood pressure.

Disclosures for medical research or health management purposes

The surgery will always gain your consent before releasing the information for this purpose, the practice contributes to medical research and may send relevant information to medical research databases when consent is obtained and the law allows

How do we maintain the confidentiality of your records?

We are committed to protecting your privacy and will only use information collected lawfully in accordance with:

- EU General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) (GDPR)
- Human Rights Act 1998 Common
- Health and Social Care Act 2012 NHS Codes of Confidentiality,
- Information Security and Records Management
- Information: To Share or Not to Share Review

Every member of staff who works for an NHS organization has a legal obligation to keep information about you confidential.

We will only ever use or pass on information about you if others involved in your care have a genuine need for it. We will not disclose your information to any third party without your permission unless there are exceptional circumstances (i.e. life or death situations), where the law requires information to be passed on and / or in accordance with the new information sharing principle following Dame Fiona Caldicott's information sharing review (Information to share or not to share) where "The duty to share information can be as important as the duty to protect patient confidentiality." This means that health and social care professionals should have the confidence to share information in the best interests of their patients within the framework set out by the Caldicott principles. They should be supported by the policies of their employers, regulators and professional bodies.

Who are our partner organisations?

We may also have to share your information, subject to strict agreements on how it will be used, with the following organisations;

- NHS Trusts / Foundation Trusts
- GP's
- NHS Commissioning Support Units
- Independent Contractors such as dentists, opticians, pharmacists
- Private Sector Providers
- Voluntary Sector Providers
- Ambulance Trusts
- Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Social Care Services

- NHS Digital
- Local Authorities
- Education Services
- Fire and Rescue Services
- Police & Judicial Services
- Voluntary Sector Providers
- Private Sector Providers
- Other 'data processors' which you will be informed of

You will be informed who your data will be shared with and in some cases asked for explicit consent for this happen when this is required.

We may also use external companies to process personal information, such as for archiving purposes. These companies are bound by contractual agreements to ensure information is kept confidential and secure.

Your rights in relation to your data

- Right to Access – please see the 'access to personal information' section below
- Right of rectification - right for individuals to have inaccurate personal data rectified, or completed if it is incomplete.
- Right to object – you have the right to object to the processing of your data at anytime

Access to personal information

You have a right under GDPR to request access to view or to obtain copies of what information the surgery holds about you and to have it amended should it be inaccurate. This is known as a 'subject access request' (SAR), in order to request this, you need to do the following:

- Your request can be made in verbally or in writing to the GP – for information from the hospital you should write direct to them
- No charge will be made to provide the information
- We are required to respond to you within 1 month
- You will need to give adequate information (for example full name, address, date of birth, NHS number and details of your request) so that your identity can be verified by reasonable means and your records located

How long data will be retained

We will hold, protect and maintain your data for as long as the patient / doctor relationship is in place, this will either be until your death or if you decide to move to another GP practice, if you do move to another practice your data will follow you.

Objections / Complaints

Should you have any concerns about how your information is managed at the GP, please contact the Data Protection Officer. If you are still unhappy following a review by the GP practice, you can then complain to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) via their website (www.ico.gov.uk).

If you are happy for your data to be extracted and used for the purposes described in this privacy notice then you do not need to do anything. If you have any concerns about how your data is shared then please contact the practice.

Cookies

We use cookies to ensure that we give you the best experience on our website. By using our website you agree to our use of cookies, we have a cookies policy if you require further information which can be viewed at <https://www.priorymedical.com/cookies.html>

Change of Details

It is important that you tell the person treating you if any of your details such as your name or address have changed or if any of your details such as date of birth is incorrect in order for this to be amended. You have a responsibility to inform us of any changes so our records are accurate and up to date for you.

Notification

GDPR requires organisations to register a notification with the Information Commissioner to describe the purposes for which they process personal and sensitive information.

This information is publicly available on the Information Commissioners Office website www.ico.org.uk

The practice is registered with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO).

Who is the Data Controller?

The Data Controller, responsible for keeping your information secure and confidential is:
Priory Medical Group

Complaints

Should you have any concerns about how your information is managed by the Practice please contact the Data Protection Officer at the following email address:

dpo@priorymedical.com

Alternatively you can contact our Data Protection Officer by writing to

Data Protection Officer, Priory Medical Centre, Cornlands Road, Acomb, York YO24 3WX

If you are still unhappy following a review by the Practice you can then complain to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO). **www.ico.org.uk**, casework@ico.org.uk, telephone: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745