

Your Oxfordshire Care Summary



It's your choice (Easy Read)

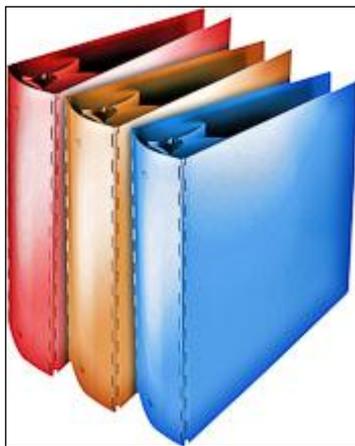
**Sharing health information locally
to support your care**



Health services in Oxfordshire have to keep records about your health.



This could be your GP, hospitals, community and mental health services and the ambulance service.



So your GP, your hospital and your physiotherapist may each have a more than one record about your care.



More and more records will be on a **computer** and not on paper.



All records must be kept safe and can only be shared when you say **'yes.'**



This leaflet explains how we will share some of your healthcare details with other healthcare professionals who are treating you across **Oxfordshire.**



But only once you have said **'yes.'**

Sharing Information – what happens at the moment?



At the moment, healthcare professionals share information from your records by **letter, fax or telephone.**



This can cause delay. Which may **delay** your treatment.

What is the Oxfordshire Care Summary?

The **Oxfordshire Care Summary** is a new way of sharing health information in Oxfordshire.



If you say '**yes**' the **Oxfordshire Care Summary** means healthcare professionals treating you in Oxfordshire can see the electronic view on the computer.

Why is this happening?



This will make for safer and faster treatment.

It will mean asking you less repeat questions.

And will help avoid unnecessary admissions to hospital.

What information will be seen in my Oxfordshire Care Summary?



A standard set of information. This information is not copied or stored in a new location.

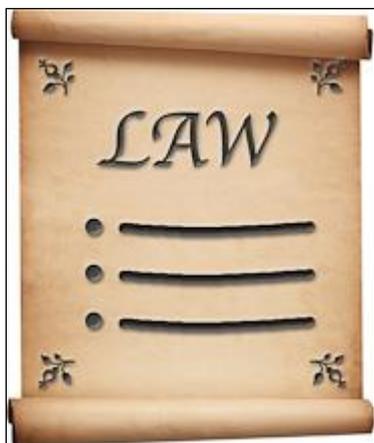
This information cannot be changed, by a healthcare professional who is viewing it.



The information viewed on the **Oxfordshire Care Summary** will be agreed and looked at often by the healthcare organisations in Oxfordshire.

For more details, see www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/healthrecords

Who will be able to see my Oxfordshire Care Summary?



Healthcare professionals have always had by law, the job of keeping **your details safe**.

When looking at your **Oxfordshire Care Summary**, they:

- **Must** be directly involved in your care
- Only once you have said '**yes**' can they look at your records. Except if in a medical emergency



- **Must** be a registered, authorised user with a secure username and password
- **Must** only view the information if it is their job. **By law**, all NHS staff must keep all information about you safe and secure
- Will have their access electronically monitored.

The **NHS Care Record Guarantee for England** and the **NHS Constitution** both set out how the NHS should handle your records to protect your privacy. You can view these documents at:

www.nhscarerecords.nhs.uk/security/

What is the difference between the **Oxfordshire Care Summary** and the **Summary Care Record**?



The Summary Care Record is a national system which will support patient care in urgent and emergency care settings.



It will be seen by any authorised health professional across the country. It only holds a small amount of information:



- medication,
- reactions to medicines,
- allergies

The Oxfordshire Care Summary will only be available to support local NHS care in Oxfordshire and will have more detailed information than in the **Summary Care Record**.

Your choices

You can choose whether you want a national **Summary Care Record** and whether you want an **Oxfordshire Care Summary**. You can change your mind at any time by contacting your GP surgery.

The local Oxfordshire Care Summary	The national Summary Care Record	This is what you need to do
YES I want one 	YES I want one 	Do nothing. This will happen automatically.
YES I want one 	NO thanks 	We can arrange this for you. Phone 01865 428886 , email health.records@oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk or visit 'Your Choices' at www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/healthrecords
NO thanks 	YES I want one 	We can arrange this for you. Phone 01865 428886 , email health.records@oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk or visit 'Your Choices' at www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/healthrecords
NO thanks 	NO thanks 	Fill out an opt-out form for the national Summary Care Record - this will automatically mean that you will NOT have an Oxfordshire Care Summary too. The opt-out form will be mailed to ALL residents in Oxfordshire at the beginning of April 2012.

Will children have an Oxfordshire Care Summary?

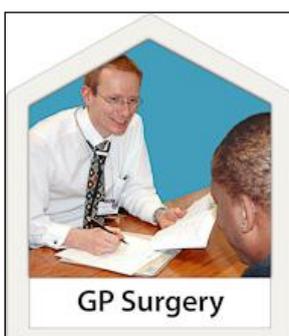


The same choices exist for children under 16 as for adults.



If you as a parent or guardian **do not wish** your child to have an **Oxfordshire Care Summary** or a **Summary Care Record**, you should follow the steps on the **Your Choices Table** on their behalf.

If you think your child is mature enough to make up their own minds, you should share this information with them.



Additional opt-out forms are available at www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/healthrecords or from your GP surgery.

Where can I get more information?



For the latest information about the local **Oxfordshire Care Summary**;



Please phone **01865 428886**



Email health.records@oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk



Or visit www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/healthrecords

If you have any questions about the national **Summary Care Record** please phone the information line on **0300 123 3020**.
Or look out for this leaflet at your GP surgery.

www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/healthrecords



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