

**Your Data, Privacy, and the Law**

At General Practice Alliance, we take your privacy and the security of your medical records seriously. We handle your medical data in accordance with the laws on data protection and confidentiality to ensure that your information is kept safe and secure.

How We Use Your Medical Records:

1. **Sharing with Healthcare Professionals:** We may share your medical records with healthcare professionals involved in your care and treatment. This sharing is done on a need-to-know basis and only for specific events related to your healthcare.
2. **Shared Care Summary Record:** Some of your data may be automatically copied to the Shared Care Summary Record, which allows different healthcare providers to access relevant information about your health.
3. **Out-of-Hours/Urgent or Emergency Care Services:** We may share your data with local out-of-hours, urgent, or emergency care services to ensure you receive timely and appropriate medical attention when needed.
4. **National Screening Campaigns:** Your data may be used to manage national screening campaigns for conditions such as flu, cervical cytology, and diabetes prevention. This helps to monitor and improve public health outcomes.
5. **NHS Management and Payments:** Data about you, often de-identified to protect your privacy, is used to manage the NHS and process payments for healthcare services provided.
6. **Legal Requirements:** We may be required by law to share your information in certain circumstances, such as during inspections or when reporting certain illnesses or safeguarding vulnerable individuals.
7. **Quality of Care Monitoring:** Your data may be used to assess and monitor the quality of care provided by the NHS, helping to ensure that healthcare services meet the required standards.
8. **Medical Research:** With appropriate consent and safeguards in place, your medical records may be shared for medical research purposes. This research aims to advance medical knowledge and improve healthcare outcomes for all.

At General Practice Alliance, we are committed to protecting your privacy and confidentiality. If you have any questions or concerns about how your data is used, please contact our Data Protection Officer [northamptongpa.ig@nhs.net](mailto:northamptongpa.ig@nhs.net).

For more information visit the links on our website at [www.northantsgpalliance.com/privacy-policy/](http://www.northantsgpalliance.com/privacy-policy/).