



GP DATA FOR PLANNING AND RESEARCH (GDPR)

You may be aware of a [new NHS Digital initiative](#) to extract information from GP records for research and other purposes. Patients might want to opt out of this data collection and there are 2 different requirements to opt out:

1. Type 1 data opt out - Urgent action required as the opt out window closes on 23 June 2021

This is to protect GP data held on your system. Patients need to [complete a form](#) and leave it at reception.

2. Type 2 data opt out - No time limit

This is to protect non-GP data held on your system, eg hospital or clinic treatment.

Patients can do this for themselves by visiting the [Make your choice webpage](#).

For children under 13 the form available [here](#) should be used.

For dependant adults the form available [here](#) should be used.

As the data controller GP surgeries are obliged to action the patient's wishes.

Opt-out - Dissent code 9Nu0 (827241000000103 |Dissent from secondary use of general practitioner patient identifiable data (finding)|)

Opt-in - Dissent withdrawal code 9Nu1 (827261000000102 |Dissent withdrawn for secondary use of general practitioner patient identifiable data (finding)|)

We are aware that this will create work for general practices at a time when we are working harder than ever. However, as data controllers the obligation is on GPs to ensure patients are made aware of the use of their data. The proposed data extraction has an extremely short timescale for Type-1, and some patients may already have requested this when Care.data was proposed and abandoned in 2014.

In order to inform your patients it may be sensible to draw their attention to these data sharing opt outs on your website as well as in the surgery.