**Sharing Your Data**

Dear Patient,

There are currently two different data sharing schemes running nationally; the **Summary Care Record** and **Care.Data**.

It is important that patients know the difference between **Local Data Sharing, Connecting Your Care** andthe **Summary Care Record** and **Care.Data,** so that an informed choice can be made about whether you are happy for your data to be shared, or whether you wish to opt out.

We want to be sure that we give you the opportunity to decide at what level you would like to opt out of data sharing and are aware of the implications. Please complete the attached form and return it to us so we can be clear about your wishes.

**Local Data Sharing** – RGPA **Federation** operate combined services in the Richmond area

A data sharing agreement exists between the local GP practices in Richmond & RGPA Federation operating the HUB extended access primary care services which offers GP & Paeds Nurse appointments/consultations. These are local services that are run as a federation (RGPA) of practices; for instance, caring for patients at Teddington Memorial Hospital & Sheen Lane Surgery. All Patients are also asked for consent to access their medical records at the beginning of each consultation at the HUB’s.

**Summary Care Records** have been introduced to **improve the safety and quality of patient care**.

A Summary Care Record is an electronic record that is stored at a central location. It **contains information about medicines, allergies, or reactions to medicines that a patient has had.** The record does **not include** detailed information about a patient’s medical history. Only healthcare staff directly involved in the patient’s care who have access to this information. Having this information stored in one place makes it easier for healthcare staff to treat patients in an emergency. **The information being shared could be critical in an emergency situation.**

If a patient does not opt out, they will automatically have a Summary Care Record; however a patient can opt out of or re-join the scheme at any time.

**Care.Data** - information about patients and the care they receive will be **shared, in a secure system, by healthcare staff to support their treatment and care.**

The NHS would like to link information from all the different places where patients receive care, to help them compare the care patients receive in one area against another, so they can see what has worked best.

Information such as a patient’s postcode and NHS number, **but not their name**, will be used to link their records in a secure system, so their **identity is protected**. Information which does not reveal their identity can then be used by others, such as researchers and those planning health services, to make sure the NHS provide the best care possible for everyone. **How patient information is used and shared is controlled by law and strict rules are in place to protect patient privacy.**

If a patient does not opt out, their information will be shared; however a patient can opt out of or re-join the scheme at any time.

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| Connecting Your CareConnecting your Care means that people involved in your care such as your GP, hospital doctors and nurses will be able to immediately see important information about you through a secure system, to help them make the best decisions about your care.For more information on Connecting Your Care please go to – [www.swlondon.nhs.uk/connectingyourcare](http://www.swlondon.nhs.uk/connectingyourcare)  |

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| **TXT Messages & Emails**You may also opt out of receiving txt or emails (please note that by opting out of txt messages you will not be able to receive appointment reminders) |

Please take whatever steps necessary to ensure my confidential personal information is not uploaded and record my dissent by whatever means possible

**If you wish to opt out of any of these schemes, please complete the opt-out form and hand to the reception staff**

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| **Data Sharing Options**  | **Indicate below what Data Sharing options you want to opt out of with a YES or NO**  |
| I would like to opt out of Local Data Sharing |  |
| I would like to opt out of the Summary Care Records |  |
| I would like to opt out of Care.Data |  |
| I would like to opt out of Connecting Your Care  | **You will need to complete separate Opt – Out form which is available at reception or you can go to our website** [**www.broadlanesurgeryhampton.co.uk**](http://www.broadlanesurgeryhampton.co.uk) **for more information.** |
| I would like to opt out of receiving txt messages  |  |
| I would like to opt out of receiving emails  |  |

# I understand that if I do not opt out my information will be shared, however I can opt out or re-join the scheme at any time.

**Information to help identify my records** [Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS] & sign

# Title: Surname:

Forename (s):

NHS number (if known):

Date of Birth:

Address:

 Post Code\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: Date: