



**ST AUSTELL
HEALTHCARE**

Dear Patient

Important Information about your Summary Care Record

NHS England has introduced the Summary Care Record, an electronic health record that can be accessed when you need urgent treatment from somebody other than your own GP.

Summary Care Records contain key information about the medicines you are taking, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines you have had in the past. You will be able to add other information too if you and your GP agree that it is a good idea to do so.

If you have an accident or fall ill, the people caring for you in places like Accident & Emergency Departments and GP Out-of-Hours Services will be better equipped to treat you if they have this information. Your Summary Care Record will only be available to authorised healthcare staff whenever and wherever you need treatment in England, and they will ask your permission before they look at it.

You need to make a decision

St Austell Healthcare is supporting Summary Care Records and as a patient you have a choice:

- **Yes, I would like a Summary Care Record.** If you want a record you do not need to do anything further, one will be created for you.
- **No, I do not want a Summary Care Record.** If you do not want a record, or have opted out of having a record in the past and this decision still remains, you need to fill in the Summary Care Record Opt out Form attached/overleaf and hand it in to one of our Receptionists at any of our 5 sites (Foxhole, Park, Wheal Northey, Woodland Road or Carlyon Road Health Hub)

You are free to change your decision at any time by informing us.

Children under 16 will automatically have a Summary Care Record created for them unless their parent or guardian chooses to opt them out. If you are the parent or guardian of a child under 16 and feel that they are old enough to understand, please tell them about the Summary Care Records and explain the options available to them.

For more information please feel free to talk to your GP or call Health & Social Care Information Centre on 0300 303 567.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of St Austell Healthcare

Enc/overleaf Opt-Out Form

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Your emergency care summary

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OPT-OUT FORM

Request for my clinical information to be withheld from the Summary Care Record

If you **DO NOT** want a Summary Care Record please fill out the form and send it to your GP practice

A. Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

Title Surname / Family name

Forename(s)

Address

Postcode..... Phone No Date of birth

NHS Number (if known)..... Signature

B. If you are filling out this form on behalf of another person or a child, their GP practice will consider this request. Please ensure you fill out their details in section A and your details in section B

Your name Your signature.....

Relationship to patient..... Date

What does it mean if I **DO NOT** have a Summary Care Record?

NHS healthcare staff caring for you may not be aware of your current medications, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines you have had, in order to treat you safely in an emergency.

Your records will stay as they are now with information being shared by letter, email, fax or phone.

If you have any questions, or if you want to discuss your choices, please contact your GP practice.

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Actioned by practice: yes / no

Date