

This surgery is a QResearch practice

As you know GPs keep information, notes, about all patients so that each patient can receive the appropriate care and treatment. We may also ask you for information about yourself. We may use this information for other reasons, for example, to plan future health services, to train staff or to carry out medical and other health research for the benefit of everyone.

- We are currently contributing to the QResearch database run by the University of Oxford and EMIS, a computer software supplier. We would like to involve all patients in the practice. The process requires taking anonymous information from individual patients' electronic health records that may then be linked to other health records such as hospital records. The information is then used for research. It is important to emphasise that neither you nor any other patient can be identified or recognised from the information that is taken from health records as it is anonymised before it is removed from the notes.

All patients have a right to see their medical records. If you would like to know more or have any concerns about how we use information about you, please speak to your GP or our practice manager. If you would prefer that anonymised data about you is not included in the QResearch database, you can opt out by speaking to your GP and expressing your preference by the National Data Opt Out.

For more information on QResearch, please visit
www.qresearch.org

EVERYONE WORKING FOR THE NHS HAS A LEGAL DUTY TO KEEP INFORMATION ABOUT YOU CONFIDENTIAL.