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Knightwick Surgery offers its patients the choice of having a **Summary Care Record**.

The new NHS Summary Care Record was introduced from 31st March 2015 to help deliver better and safer care and give you more choice about who you share your healthcare information with.

What is the NHS Summary Care Record?

The Summary Care Record will contain only basic information about any **allergies you may have, unexpected reactions to medications and any prescriptions you have recently received**. The intention is to help clinicians in Hospitals, Accident and Emergency Departments and 'Out of Hours' health services to give you safe, timely and effective treatment.

Clinicians will only be allowed to access your record if they are authorised to do so and, even then, only if you give your express permission. You will be asked if healthcare staff can look at your Summary Care Record every time they need to, unless it is an emergency, for instance if you are unconscious. You can refuse if you think access is unnecessary and this will not affect the standard of care you will receive.

Children under the age of 16

Patients under 16 years will have a Summary Care Record created for them unless their GP surgery is advised otherwise. **If you are the parent or guardian of a child then please either make this information available to them or decide and act on their behalf.**

You do not have to have a Summary Care Record, although you are strongly recommended to consider this choice. If you decide to proceed, but at any time in the future you, or a child you are responsible for, change your mind and choose not to have a Summary Care Record, all you need do is write to your Surgery informing them of your decision to "Opt-out". If you have already told your Surgery that you wish to "Opt-out" and you wish this to remain in place you need take no further action.

Please choose an option below:

Yes I would like to have a Summary Care Record

No I would not like to have a Summary Care Record

Patient Name

NHS Number (*if known*).....Date of Birth.....

Signature of Patient / Guardian.....

If you would like further information about Summary Care Records please follow the link on our website www.knightwicksurgery.co.uk or contact Karen Pattinson or Kate Parkinson on 01886 821279