**Summary Privacy / Fair Processing Notice**

**Dr Carmel Morris and Partners** has a legal duty to explain how we use any personal information we collect about you, as a registered patient, at the practice. Staff at this practice maintain records about your health and the treatment you receive in electronic and paper format.

**What information do we collect about you?**

We will collect information such as personal details, including name, address, next of kin, records of appointments, visits, telephone calls, your health records, treatment and medications, test results, X-rays, etc. and any other relevant information to enable us to deliver effective medical care.

It is important that you tell us if any of your details such as your name or address have changed or if any of your details such as date of birth is incorrect in order for this to be amended. You have a responsibility to inform us of any changes so our records are accurate and up to date for you.

**How we will use your information**

Your data is collected for the purpose of providing direct patient care; however, we can disclose this information if it is required by law, if you give consent or if it is justified in the public interest. The practice may be requested to support research; however, we will always gain your consent before sharing your information with medical research databases where the law allows.

In order to comply with its legal obligations, this practice may send data to NHS Digital when directed by the Secretary of State for Health under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Additionally, this practice contributes to national clinical audits and will send the data that is required by NHS Digital when the law allows. This may include demographic data, such as date of birth, and information about your health which is recorded in coded form; for example, the clinical code for diabetes or high blood pressure.

Processing your information in this way and obtaining your consent ensures that we comply with Articles 6(1)(c), 6(1)(e) and 9(2)(h) of the General Date Protection Regulations (GDPR).

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| NHS Trusts / Foundation Trusts | Other GP Practices and GP Organizations |
| Independent Contractors e.g. dentists, opticians, pharmacists | NHS Commissioning Support Units |
| Private Sector Providers | Voluntary Sector Providers |
| Ambulance Trusts | Clinical Commissioning Groups |
| Social Care Services | NHS Digital : Transparency Notice: https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/our-work/keeping-patient-data-safe/gdpr/gdpr-register?\_cldee=Y2FybWVsbW9ycmlzQG5ocy5uZXQ%3d&recipientid=lead-e4f0dcdbdb2feb11bf6f000d3a86b8d5-cb64fd96138949a0b3e69906320b2425&esid=b5b9d61e-ab29-eb11-a813-000d3a87467d#l |
| Local Authorities | Education Services |
| Fire and Rescue Services | Police & Judicial Services |
| Other ‘data processors’ which you will be informed of |  |

You will be informed who your data will be shared with and in some cases asked for explicit consent for this to happen when this is required.

We may also use external companies to process personal information, such as for archiving purposes. These companies are bound by contractual agreements to ensure information is kept confidential and secure.

**Maintaining confidentiality and accessing your records**

We are committed to maintaining confidentiality and protecting the information we hold about you. We adhere to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the NHS Codes of Confidentiality and Security, as well as guidance issued by the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO). You have a right to access the information we hold about you, and if you would like to access this information, you will need to complete a Subject Access Request (SAR). Please ask at reception for a SAR form and you will be given further information. Furthermore, should you identify any inaccuracies; you have a right to have the inaccurate data corrected.

**Covid19 Vaccination Programme**

As a Practice we are participating in the COVID-19 vaccination program and as a result of this there may be a requirement for your information to be accessed if you are eligible for the vaccine. This information will be accessed for a medical purpose or to book you into one of our clinics. The Practices we work alongside are part of a Primary Care Network and called Cheadle and these practices

1. Gatley Medical Centre
2. Cheadle Medical Practice
3. Heald Green Health Centre 1
4. Heald Green Health Centre 2

If you have any concerns or want to know what information is being recorded on your record please speak to us

**Data Provision Notice sharing information with NHS Digital for Planning and Research**The Practice is required to comply with the Health and Social Care Act 2012. NHS Digital have the power under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 Section 259 (1) to issue a Data Provision Notice. This mandates us to share information about you unless you tell us not to.

To opt out please complete the opt out form before 23rd June 2021 and return it to the Practice by email or hard copy.   
  
Opt out form: <https://nhs-prod.global.ssl.fastly.net/binaries/content/assets/website-assets/data-and-information/data-collections/general-practice-data-for-planning-and-research/type-1-opt-out-form.docx>

You can see a list of the Data Provision Notices here: <https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notices/data-provision-notices-dpns>

**Risk stratification**

Risk stratification is a mechanism used to identify and subsequently manage those patients deemed as being at high risk of requiring urgent or emergency care. Usually this includes patients with long-term conditions, e.g. cancer. Your information is collected by a number of sources; this information is processed electronically and given a risk score which is relayed to your GP who can then decide on any necessary actions to ensure that you receive the most appropriate care.

**Invoice validation**

Your information may be shared if you have received treatment to determine which Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is responsible for paying for your treatment. This information may include your name, address and treatment date. All of this information is held securely and confidentially; it will not be used for any other purpose or shared with any third parties.

**Opt-outs**

You have a right to object to your information being shared. Should you wish to opt out of data collection, please contact a member of staff who will be able to explain how you can opt out and prevent the sharing of your information; this is done by registering to opt out online (national data opt-out programme) or if you are unable to do so or do not wish to do so online, by speaking to a member of staff.

**Retention periods**

In accordance with the NHS Codes of Practice for Records Management, your healthcare records will be retained for 10 years after death, or if a patient emigrates, for 10 years after the date of emigration.

**Further Information**

The practice has prepared a series of Privacy Notices providing more information in relation to how we process your data. For more information please **visit our website at** [**http://www.healdgreenhealthcentre.nhs.uk/**](http://www.healdgreenhealthcentre.nhs.uk/)**.**

Should you have any questions about our privacy policy or the information we hold about you, you can:

1. Our Data Protection Officer is Umar Sabat and can be contacted on: [stoccg.dpo-stockport@nhs.net](mailto:stoccg.dpo-stockport@nhs.net).

2. Contact the practice’s Data Protection Officer (DPO), Dr David Outar by calling into reception to get his email address at 0161-426-9020.

3. The practice is the data controller for the data held about its patients. You can write to the data controller at Heald Green Health Centre 2, Finney Lane, Cheadle, Cheshire, SK8 3JD.

4. Ask to speak to the Business-Practice Manager or the Practice Coordinator, Fiona Tonge

**Complaints**

Should you have any concerns about how your information is managed at this Practice, please contact the Practice Manager. If you are still unhappy after we have responded to your concerns, you can then complain to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) via their website ([www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)).

**Changes to our privacy policy**

We regularly review our privacy policy and any updates will be published on our website, in our newsletter and on posters to reflect the changes.