

Adding more information to your Summary Care Record

Care professionals in England use an electronic record called the Summary Care Record (SCR). This can provide those involved in your care with faster secure access to key information from your GP record.

What is a SCR?

If you are registered with a GP practice in England, you will already have an SCR unless you have previously chosen not to have one.

It includes the following basic information:

- Medicines you are taking
- Allergies you suffer from
- Any bad reactions to medicines.

It also includes your name, address, date of birth and unique NHS Number which helps to identify you correctly.

What choices do you have?

You can now choose to include more information in your SCR, such as significant medical history (past and present), information about management of long term conditions, immunisations and patient preferences such as end of life care information, particular care needs and communication preferences.

Additional information will only be included in your SCR after discussion between you and your GP practice, and only if you give your permission.

Once you have chosen to add additional information to your SCR, your GP practice will continue to do this and keep it up to date. Remember that you can change your mind at any time by simply informing your GP practice.

Vulnerable patients and carers

Certain vulnerable patient groups such as those with dementia or with detailed and complex health problems can particularly benefit from additional information in their SCR. If you are a carer for another person and believe that they may benefit from additional information in their SCR, then you can discuss this with them and their GP practice.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about Summary Care Records you can:

- i) Talk to the staff at your GP practice
- ii) Visit: www.hscic.gov.uk/scr/patients
- iii) Phone the Health and Social Care Information Centre on **0300 303 5678**

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