

What is the Cheshire Health Record?

The Cheshire Health Record is a system designed to enable authorised doctors, nurses and other trained healthcare professionals within Cheshire to access a summary of what is held on your GP patient record. This could happen in hospital or unplanned care setting such as A&E.

It is designed to provide essential medical information that will support the healthcare professional in their decision about the treatment they provide for you, based on up to date and accurate information.

What information will be shared?

Authorised healthcare professionals will be able to view information such as:-

- Active and significant past problems recorded on your GP record
- Current prescribed medication
- Drug allergies (such as penicillin)
- Non-drug allergies (such as peanuts)
- Last time/date your record was accessed including the name of your healthcare professional

Why do we need a Cheshire Health Record?

Modern healthcare is tailored to the needs of the patient. To support the healthcare professional's dialogue with

you, the Cheshire Health Record will provide key supporting information that will help to prevent possible adverse reactions and allow for safer, more efficient healthcare.

Safeguards

Your Cheshire Health Record conforms to very strict confidentiality and security policies.

- It is only viewed at the point of treatment and with your consent
- Only authorised healthcare professionals can view your record
- A record is kept of who has viewed your Cheshire Health Record

Your Choice

If you do not want to share your Cheshire Health Record there are two options available to you:

- Tell your GP that you wish to opt out completely, so **no-one** apart from your GP can see your record **even in a medical emergency**

or

- At the point of treatment you can refuse the health professional access to your record. This means the healthcare professional providing your care will not be able to view a summary of your record.

If you are unconscious or too unwell to give your permission the

system will allow the healthcare professionals to view your record.

This will only occur in the case of a medical emergency.

When will my Cheshire Health Record be set up?

Your GP practice will sign up to the Cheshire Health Record over the coming months. Please keep in mind that your practice might not join up straight away.

For more information and a list of GP practices participating in the Cheshire Health Record please go to:

www.cheshirehealthrecord.nhs.uk

Who can I speak to if I have concerns?

If you have any concerns about your Cheshire Health Record please discuss them with your GP practice.

For more information please visit www.cheshirehealthrecord.nhs.uk Alternatively call 01606 275231 for further information.

This information is available in a different format (i.e. Braille, audio, large print, different language, easy read) if required please call: 0800 5877 888.

