



## What is the Cheshire Health Record?

The Cheshire Health Record is a system designed to enable authorised doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals to access a summary of your GP patient record. This could happen in hospital or unplanned care settings such as Out of Hours centres.

The summary information that can be accessed from your record, which is held by your GP includes:

- active and significant past problems, including the date of your last review
- acute and repeat medication
- drug allergies (such as penicillin)
- non-drug allergies (such as peanuts)
- the most recent activity and contacts added to your record other organisations involved in your care

## Why do we need a Cheshire Health Record?

Modern healthcare is tailored to the needs of the patient. Before deciding on a course of action, healthcare professionals need to understand your medical history. The system is designed to provide essential medical information that will allow healthcare professionals to make decisions about the treatment they provide you, based on up to date and accurate information.

At present the transfer of relevant patient information between healthcare services is a lengthy and complicated process. This system shares information in an electronic format which is secure, private and fast.

## 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.**

The Cheshire Health Record:

- conforms to very strict governance and security policies
- is only viewed at the point of treatment
- only healthcare professionals that have been approved to view the Cheshire Health Record are issued with logon credentials

- a healthcare professional will only be able to see information relevant to their speciality
- each time a record is viewed it is stamped with who has accessed the record and the date and time

## 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](http://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 visit [www.cheshirehealthrecord.nhs.uk](http://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.**

