



## The Apples Medical Centre

### **Electronic sharing of your medical information** with others in the NHS

#### Patient Information Leaflet (New Patient Pack)

##### Background:

For a number of years work has been ongoing to improve the way that medical records are made available to treating clinicians. As a result of this work we are now able to share clinical information between certain health professionals, e.g. District Nurses.

This helps clinicians to make decisions based upon a wider knowledge of you and also helps to reduce the number of times that you or your family members are asked the same question. **In short it assists clinicians to provide more ‘joined up care’.**

This means that **with your consent** we are able share your medical records with those in the NHS who are involved in your care. NHS staff can only access shared information if they are involved in your care and being an electronic service an audit log is maintained showing when and who has accessed medical records.

We already share records of children for child protection reasons and patients, who are under the care of the District Nursing Team.

Clinicians treating you who have access to the same system can **view** and in some cases **update** your medical records. Locally this includes the Walk-In-Centre, many departments at local hospitals (including A&E) and community services, such as the District Nursing Team. It is anticipated that over time more health services will be able use this system to access records if appropriate.

Clinicians outside of the surgery who wish to access your medical records will **ask for your permission** to do so and will need to have been issued with a NHS Smartcard. This is a 'chip and pin' card -similar to a bank card.

There are several systems in place for electronic record sharing within the NHS –

- a) **The Summary Care Record** – this is a national system that holds information on your current and repeat medication, and any allergies or sensitivities you have. This ensures clinical staff in A&E for example, do not give you any medication which may not be suitable, or interact with drugs you are already on. You are opted into this unless you tell us otherwise.
- b) **The Enhanced Summary Care Record** – This national system holds 'additional information' to the summary care record and is used with the patient's consent. It is generally used for patients with complex health needs who may be seen by multiple NHS departments. You are opted out of this by default. Your GP will discuss with you if they feel you may benefit. You can choose to opt in.
- c) **Care.data** – is a programme of work led by NHS England and the Health and Social Care Information Centre which will bring together securely health and social care information from different settings in order to see what's working really well in the NHS, and what we could be doing better. Using data in this way is known as data sharing for purposes beyond direct care and the information will only be shared if it will benefit patient care. This is not currently rolled out in our area but you may have heard about it in the press. When this system becomes live in our area you will be able to opt out of sharing your data in this way

- d) **Enhanced Data Sharing Module (EDSM)** – Many of the NHS organisations locally within Dorset use the same clinical system, TPP SystmOne. With agreed protocols in place we are now able to share your GP record with others specifically involved in your care such as District Nurses, the doctors and nurses at Community Hospitals, the minor injuries units and other community-based teams such as physiotherapy and rehabilitation.

They are two states of sharing:

1. The first is sharing your medical records **OUT** of the practice. This is your agreement that records maintained by your GP Surgery can be seen, subject to your authority at the time, by Clinicians working outside of the surgery
2. The second is agreeing to share your records from other NHS organisations on the same system **IN** to your GP record. This means that your GP can see the records made by other health professionals who have access to SystmOne.

However as the treating clinician needs to ask your permission to see the records at the beginning of each period of care **YOU** are in control of who can see you medical information.

As this system has been carefully designed to enhance patient care you are automatically opted in to both states of sharing unless you tell us otherwise.

If when seeing your GP you want that particular consultation to remain between you and not be shared with anyone else outside the surgery, you can ask for any consultation to be marked as **PRIVATE**. This means that viewing is restricted to the surgery, but allows the rest of the record to be viewed by whoever else is treating you. **It is your responsibility** to ask for a consultation to be marked as private.

Any questions?

If you have any questions, please speak to reception. If necessary the receptionist will arrange for someone to give you a call.

The NHS Choices website has further information on your health record which can be found on this page:

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/thenhs/records/healthrecords/Pages/overview.aspx>

The NHS also has a website page on Care.Date:

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/thenhs/records/healthrecords/Pages/care-data.aspx>

TPP SystemOne has a leaflet explaining further about the enhanced data sharing module (EDSM):

<https://portavhdsd5iq2659yw9p5.blob.core.windows.net/documents/eDSMPatientLeaflet.pdf> - We also hold copies in reception