

ELECTRONIC PATIENT RECORDS

STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR ISLINGTON CENTRAL MEDICAL CENTRE

Nationally the way GP records are managed in the NHS is changing in three important ways.

1. Summary Care Record (SCR)
2. GP to GP Record Transfers
3. Patient Online Access to Their GP Record

These changes do not let your records be shared outside of the team of professionals who look after you. They are designed to improve and speed up your care, and let you have more access to what is in your medical records.

If you want to find out more about these, or any other way in which your records are handled, please read the leaflets available in your practice or speak to a member of practice staff.

1. Patient Online Access to Their GP Record

As you may know we already offer the facility for booking and cancelling appointments and also for ordering your repeat prescriptions on-line. Alongside this all patients in England will have access to their GP medical records online by 31st March 2015.

This means you can have secure online access to relevant parts (Current medications, immunisations and allergies) of your record from device that can access the internet.

To get online access to your records you will need to come to the practice with photographic ID. We will then give you the login details you will need.

2. Summary Care Record (SCR)

NHS England requires GP practices to upload any changes to patient's summary information on their Summary Care Record by 31st March 2015.

A Summary Care Record (SCR) is a brief summary of your medical records that will help anyone treating you in an emergency who does not have your full medical record. The SCR contains information like any medicines you may be taking, or any allergies you have. Your SCR is automatically updated at least daily to ensure that your information is as up to date as it can possibly be.

You can find out more by watching "What is a Summary Care Record" here
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=VOKINOTq5_w

You do not have to have a SCR if you do not want one. If you don't, then let us know. You can do this by informing our reception team at the practice.

3. GP to GP Record Transfers

A new way of transferring patient records between GP practices has been developed to be used when a patient moves from one GP practice to another.

NHS England requires this new method to be used for all new or de-registered patients by 31 March 2015. However, we are already using this new method here at Islington Central Medical Centre.

For your own medical care it is very important that you are registered with a GP practice. If you leave your GP and register with a new GP, your medical records will be forwarded on to your new GP. It can take up to two weeks for your paper records to reach your new surgery.

With the new system your electronic record is transferred to your new practice much sooner.

Dr Adel Hai, Dr Jeremy Marshall & Dr Mervyn Rodrigues confirm that these GP to GP transfers are already active and we send and receive patient records via this system.