

What information will be shared?

Professionals providing your care will be able to view up-to-date, relevant health information held in your GP record such as:

- Some details about you (name, address etc)
- Your recent diagnosis and test results
- What allergies you have
- What medications and treatment you currently receive
- Any current or past illnesses
- Procedures and investigations you have had
- Blood pressure measurements
- Encounters and Referrals.

Which organisations are involved?

To begin with the system will be used in 'i-Heart Barnsley,' a new service providing flexible appointments with GPs and nurses (www.iheartbarnsley.org.uk). We hope to extend the system to other providers of health and care services for Barnsley patients including hospitals, the ambulance service, the GP out of hours service, Barnsley Hospice, and social care.

Can I access my records?

Yes. Under the Data Protection Act 1998 you can request access to all information that organisations hold about you. Please contact the organisations directly to request the information.

Can anybody see my records?

No. Your health and social care records will still be confidential. Only professionals directly involved in your care can see your information through the system and they will only view your information with your permission (consent). We won't share your information with anyone who doesn't need it to provide treatment, care and support to you. Your details will be kept safe and won't be made public, passed on to a third party who is not directly involved in your care, or used for advertising.

How do I know my records are secure?

By law, everyone working in, or for, the NHS and adults' and children's social care must respect your privacy and keep your information safe. Your information is stored on secure computer systems connected on a private health & social care network.

Can the service be accessed by health and social care professionals outside of Barnsley?

The service is only available to the NHS and social care organisations providing services in Barnsley that have signed up to the system. Occasionally these organisations may see Barnsley patients in settings outside Barnsley borough - where this happens they will still be able to see your medical record.

Can I opt out of my records being shared?

Yes you can – if you do not wish your information to be shared in this way please contact your GP Practice and they will make sure your record cannot be viewed through this system. Even if you don't opt out, no one will be able to look at your records unless you say yes. You will be asked to give your consent before a health or care professional views your record through this system.

We believe this system helps us to provide the best quality care and support for you. If all relevant health and social care professionals don't have access to the most appropriate information it could affect your care.