

**ST JAMES MEDICAL CENTRE, TAUNTON & ORCHARD MEDICAL CENTRE, NORTON FITZWARREN**

**How Information in your Medical Records is used to improve health care.  
Opt out Form**

You have been provided with this form as you have requested to 'opt out' of your personal care data being exported to the NHS Health and Social Care Information Centre. Please consider the following:

**1. Why is some data shared?**

Sharing information can help improve understanding, locally and nationally, of the most important health needs and the quality of the treatment and care provided by local health services. It may also help researchers by supporting studies that identify patterns in diseases, responses to different treatments and potential solutions. Information will also help to:

- Find more effective ways of preventing, treating and managing illnesses
- Guide local decisions about changes required to respond to the needs of local patients
- Support public health by anticipating risks of particular diseases and conditions, and help us to take action to prevent problems
- Improve the public's understanding of the outcomes of care, giving them confidence in health and care services
- Guide decisions about how to manage NHS resources so that they can best support the treatment and management of illness for the benefit of patients.

**2. Is my data secure?**

- Yes. Only the minimum amount of information needed to help the NHS improve patient care is provided. There is a thorough process that must be followed before any information can be shared, with strict rules about how it is stored and used.
- The way information is used is in line with the law and meets the NHS confidentiality code of practice, the NHS Constitution and other national guidance and best practice.
- Any reports that are published will never identify a particular person

**3. Do I have a choice?**

Yes, you have the right to 'opt out' of your personal care data being shared. There are two options

**OPTION A** - I do not want my health care data to be shared nationally. Please code my records 9Nu0 and 9Nu4 to ensure that my personal data is not shared.

OR

**OPTION B** - I agree to my data being shared with the NHS Health and Social Care Information Centre but I DO NOT agree that this can be shared any further. Please code my records 9Nu4 accordingly.

Please apply OPTION ..... (Insert A or B). Please ask if you are unsure.

Your name:-	Your date of birth:-
Your signature: -	Today's date:-

Please hand or post this form to Reception.