

## Terms

“We”, “Us”, “Data Controller” are your GP practice

“You” refers to the patient

“Third party” or “Data Processor” is Healthtech-1

## Conditions and Privacy

To receive healthcare from the NHS you must complete a New Patient Registration Form, this can be done online or in person at the practice. So that we can provide you with the best care, we ask for more information than required to register you as a patient. In order to support the timely and accurate processing of your online Patient Registration Form we use third parties to process your data.

## Practice Boundary

We are at liberty to choose whether to register patients inside and outside of our practice boundary. If We choose to register patients outside of our practice boundary area, those patients will have a restricted set of services. For example, we will not provide home visits. This is to prevent our staff from being obliged to travel long distances.

## Providing an NHS Number

When registering it is important that you provide your NHS number. This number is used to locate your medical record. Without this number, there is a high chance the practice will experience delays in receiving your medical record, and it can even be lost.

For patients registering from outside of England, your medical record will not be electronically transferred. If You are from Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland by providing your NHS number, We will be able to receive a physical copy of your medical record, which can be manually summarised into an electronic record.

You can find your NHS number using the following NHS service:

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/online-services/find-nhs-number/>

## Patient Demographic Service (PDS)

Your NHS number is accessed through an NHS Digital service called the [Personal Demographic Service](#) (PDS). Basic information such as your name, address and date of birth is sent to the PDS in order to find your NHS number. Once retrieved from the PDS, the

NHS number is stored to enable your registration to be matched to your NHS records. This data is retained in line with our record retention policies and in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, Government record retention regulations and best practice.

You have the right to object to the processing of your NHS number in this way. This will not stop you from receiving care, but will result in your registration needing to be done manually by the practice without the use of third party processing. Your NHS number will still be used by the practice.

If you wish to opt-out from the use of your NHS number by the third party to process your registration to the practice, you can contact us.

## Your first GP

If this is your first GP and You do NOT have an NHS number, You will be asked to provide evidence of your identity. One of the following documents as proof of ID. **It is not mandatory to provide these to be registered:**

- Passport
- UK Driving Licence
- Home Office Card with Photo
- Birth Certificate (in English) **for children under 16 years old.**
- For children under 6 years old, please bring Red Book or Immunisation Record.

**We are a Safer Surgery.** This means that We are committed to providing equal access to our services for everyone in our practice area, regardless of their immigration status. This is in line with our duties under NHS England guidelines for GP registration and informed by our knowledge of the barriers to healthcare faced by migrants in vulnerable circumstances.

## Registration Refusal

To protect the wellbeing of our practice staff, We will not be registering patients that have in the past breached the Zero Tolerance Policy and as a result had been removed from the Practice Register, or patients who are on the Special Allocation Scheme. Your registration will be passed to the practice to review.

## Third Parties

We use a third party to process your registration quickly, and to ensure We have the greatest chance at locating your medical record. Accordingly we've asked [Healthtech-1](#), to process your personal and sensitive data with the purpose of improving your registration experience in both speed and accuracy. We are the Data Controller, and Healthtech-1 is the Data Processor.

This means that we (the practice) instruct the Data Processor on what data is processed and how this will be done. This role is undertaken in accordance with the General Data Protection Regularly (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

For all requests regarding the control of your data, please contact the GP practice.

## The purposes of the processing

To deliver GP practice services that are required by law. We've instructed the Data Processor to process your data to enable the online registration process to be completed. As a Controller, we need to collect this information to safely register You as a patient, and receive electronic copies of your GP notes from your previous practice.

## The lawful basis for the processing

Providing services for:

- the provision of health care or treatment
- the management of health care systems or services or social care systems or services

The lawful basis lies within [Article 6 of the UK GDPR](#):

6(1)(e) Public task: the processing is necessary for You to perform a task in the public interest or for your official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law.

The lawful basis of processing special category data lies within Article 9 of the UK GDPR:

9(2)(h) '...medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems...'

Here's a [helpful document provided by the ICO](#).

Additionally in [Data Protection Act 2018](#) (Schedule 10, 8. Medical Purposes (1,b)):

Medical purposes:

8(1)The processing is necessary for medical purposes and is undertaken by—  
(a) a health professional, or  
(b) a person who in the circumstances owes a duty of confidentiality which is equivalent to that which would arise if that person were a health professional.

In this paragraph, "medical purposes" includes the purposes of preventative medicine, medical diagnosis, medical research, the provision of care and treatment and the management of healthcare services.

## The legitimate interests for the processing

The provision of healthcare or treatment and the management of health or social care systems and services.

## The categories of personal data obtained

A summary of the data is provided here, but please see all data fields collected listed in the appendix below.

**Personal data:** name, address, date of birth, contact information e.g. telephone number.

**Special category data:** ethnicity, gender identity

## The recipients or categories of recipients of the personal data

We use other organisations to either store personal information or use it to help deliver our services to you:

- The provider of the automated patient registration service, the Data Processor.
- The Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) who fund the service and the Department of Health (including Public Health England) can receive anonymised data only. These reports include anonymised data and therefore do not include identifiable personal data such as: your name, date of birth, contact details, or full address.

We the controller (the GP practice) and the Data Processor have an agreement in place to make sure that the organisations that your data is shared with comply with data protection law.

Sometimes there is a legal duty to provide personal information to other organisations.

There may also be occasions that your personal information is shared, when We or the Data Processor consider/believe that there is a good reason to do so, which is more important than protecting your privacy. This doesn't happen often, but in these circumstances your information may be shared:

- to find and stop crime and fraud,
- if there are serious risks to the public, our staff or to other professionals,
- to protect a child,
- to protect adults who are thought to be at risk, for example if they are frail, confused or cannot understand what is happening to them.

For all these reasons, the risk must be serious before we can override your right to privacy.

If in providing this service the practice, or the Data Processors are worried about your physical safety or feel they need to take action to protect You from being harmed in other

ways, they will discuss this with You and, if possible, get your permission to tell others about your situation before doing so.

The Data Processor may still share your information if they believe the risk to others is serious enough to do so.

If this is the case, the Data Processor will make sure that a record of what information is shared and the reasons for doing so. We will let you know what we have done and why, if we think it is safe to do so.

## **The details of transfers of your personal data to any third countries or international organisations**

The majority of your personal data is stored on secure servers in the UK only. However, limited personal data is processed outside of the UK (in the EU and US) in order to communicate with You via text message and email. This international transfer of data is compliant with UK GDPR (Appendix B).

## **The retention periods for the personal data**

In line with [national clinical guidelines](#) (page 54), your online registration record (registration form) will be retained by the practice for a minimum of 6 years after the last recorded entry. As standard your online registration form will be kept for 10 years e.g. your last data entry was 1 January 2018, your personal information will be automatically deleted from the form on the 1 January 2028.

If you are aged 16 or 17 years old, your online registration form will be retained for 10 years **after your 18th birthday**. For example if your last data entry is 1 January 2018 and your 18th birthday is 1 February 2018 then your data will be deleted on 1 February 2028. After that point, your personal identifying information (e.g. name, house number, street name, telephone number and email) will be removed from your registration form only to provide an anonymised data set for statistical and research purposes only.

The Data Processor will only hold your personal information for as long as it is necessary to fulfil their legal duties or business purposes. If you register at another GP practice using the same Data Processor the 10 year period will be refreshed. This is based on national guidance. You can still register without agreeing to these terms, by visiting the GP practice and completing a paper registration form. We can ask the Data Processor to delete your personal data at any time, and the Data Processor will do this automatically if We cease to use their services.

## **The rights available to individuals in respect of the processing**

The law gives You a number of rights in relation to what personal information We use. These rights are listed below.

After confirming your identity, You can ask Us to provide You with:

- a copy of the personal information that We hold about You (Subject Access Request) within 1 month free of charge
- correct personal information about You which You think is inaccurate
- delete personal information about You if You think We should no longer be using it
- stop using your personal information if You think it is wrong, until it is corrected
- transfer your personal information to another provider in a commonly used format
- review automated decision-making processes that have been used to make decisions about you.

The right to withdraw consent and the right to erasure do not apply due to the nature of the services being provided and the basis in law for processing this data. We, as the controller of your data, will consider requests to remove personal identifying information from your record. Your rights may be exercised via the Data Processor.

## **The source of the personal data**

The personal data provided by You when completing an online registration form, in the first instance is held by the Data Processor. If You subsequently contact Us via reception or the phone to register as a patient, We will inform the Data Processor of that attendance so that they can be sure that You have not been lost to care. No further details will be shared with the "Data Processor". If You communicate with the Data Processor directly they will record the advice and support that they have provided to You.

## **The details of automated decision-making, including profiling**

The Data Processor uses automated decision-making to verify your identity, and your address to broker out of catchment area registrations. Automated decision-making, based on national clinical guidelines, is also used to determine whether the online service is clinically appropriate for your individual circumstances. If the automated decision-making process determines that You are unsuitable for the automated patient registration (e.g. a child registering without a person of parental responsibility registered at the practice), You can visit the practice to complete your patient registration.

No profiling is undertaken, and we have no plans to do so. Profiling would only ever be used to help us to fulfil our duties under the Equality Act 2010 in advancing equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

## **Abandonment recovery on the online registration form**

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The online registration form allows us to follow up with you if you begin filling out but do not complete it. You accept that by starting the registration form you consent to the information you enter being used for abandonment recovery communications. These communications are seen as 'Service Messages' as per the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulation.

When you pass the 'Your Details' part of the online registration form, we retain the name, email and mobile phone number you enter, even if you do not go on to complete the form. This is so that, if you partially complete a form and then abandon it, we may use the contact information you provided to send you an email or text informing you how to finish the form.

We use this information solely for the purpose of following up with you regarding the incomplete form and providing you with assistance. We do not use this information for any other purpose.

Your name, email and mobile phone number will be processed by Healthtech-1's email and text messaging sub-processor, Customer.io and FireText (see Appendix B).

Any information entered to the form up to the point of abandonment is stored securely in the same UK data centre (Microsoft) as submitted registration forms. It will be deleted after 30 days if you do not recover and submit the registration form.

## **Patient reviews**

The online Registration Form and Local Form includes two questions about patients' experience of their previous practice, if they have had one. One question asks the patient to rate their experience on a scale and the other asks for free text feedback.

You accept that this feedback may be shared anonymously with your previous practice and used as part of other Healthtech-1 services from time to time. Aggregate anonymous patient ratings and feedback may also be used by Healthtech-1 for research purposes or shared with bodies such as NHS England or the Department of Health and Social Care.

## **The right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority**

For independent advice about data protection, privacy and data sharing issues, You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliff House Water Lane

Wilmslow Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 if You prefer to use a national rate number.

Alternatively, visit <http://www.ico.org.uk> or email [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk).

## Appendix A

These questions appear in the Registration Form:

<b>Variable Stored</b>	<b>Questions</b>
catchmentPostcode	First let's check We serve your address. What's the patient's postcode?
title	Your title
firstName	Your first name
middleName	Your middle name(s)
lastName	Your last name
email	Your email address
hasMobileNumber	n/a
mobileNumber	Your mobile number
hasHomeNumber	n/a
homeNumber	Your home number
registrationFor	Who are you registering for?
registrationReason	Why are you registering today?
representativeTitle	What's your title?
representativeFirstName	What's your first name?
representativeLastName	What's your last name?
representativeGender	
representativeEmail	What's your email address?

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representativeContactNumber	What's your contact number?
representativeRelationship	What's your relationship to the patient?
nhsNumber	What's your English NHS number?
gender	How would you describe your gender identity?
isSameSexAtBirth	Is your gender identity the same as the sex you were registered at birth?
sexualOrientation	What's your sexual orientation?
religion	Your religion?
dateOfBirth	What's your date of birth?
ethnicity	What's your ethnicity?
comingBackFromLivingAbroad	Are you coming back from living abroad?
lastLeaveUk	When did you leave the UK?
lastReturnUk	When did you return to the UK?
ukBorn	Were you born in England?
birthCountry	Where were you born?
firstLiveUk	When did you first come to live in England?
needsInterpreter	Do you need an interpreter?
interpreterLanguage	Which language do you need translation for?
isArmedForces	Have you been registered with an Armed Forces GP before?
armedForcesRole	What were you registered as?
enlistmentDate	What is your enlistment date?
attendsEducationalInstitution	Do you attend an educational institution?

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educationalInstitutionType	What kind of institution is it?
educationalInstitution	What's the name of it?
hasSiblingWithSameDateOfBirth	Is the child one of multiple siblings with the same date of birth?
isFostered	Is the patient a fostered child?
hasSocialWorker	Do they have a social worker?
socialWorkerName	What is the social worker's full name?
socialWorkerContactNumber	The social worker's contact number
socialWorkerEmail	The social worker's email address
roomNumber	Please type the postcode of your address
addressLine1	Please type the postcode of your address
addressLine2	Please type the postcode of your address
addressLine3	Please type the postcode of your address
postTown	Please type the postcode of your address
county	Please type the postcode of your address
dependantLocality	Please type the postcode of your address
ward	Please type the postcode of your address
postcode	Please type the postcode of your address
livesInCareOrNursingHome	Do you live in a residential care home or a nursing home?

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summaryCareRecordConsent	Would you like to share a summary of your GP care record (SCR) with authorised care professionals? For example, NHS 111, 999 and Accident & Emergency departments.
childRegWithoutPersonOfParentalResponsibility	n/a
livesWithpersonOfParentalResponsibility	Does the child also live with the person with parental responsibility?
personOfParentalResponsibilityTitle	What's their title?
personOfParentalResponsibilityFirstName	What's their first name?
personOfParentalResponsibilityLastName	What's their last name?
personOfParentalResponsibilityGender	What's their gender?
personOfParentalResponsibilityDateOfBirth	What's their date of birth?
personOfParentalResponsibilityContactNumber	What's their contact number?
personOfParentalResponsibilityEmail	What's their email address?
personOfParentalResponsibilityRelationship	What's their relationship to the child?
personOfParentalResponsibilityIsPatientAlready	Is the person with parental responsibility already registered at {gpCode}?
personOfParentalResponsibilityRoomNumber	What's the postcode of the person with parental responsibility's address?
personOfParentalResponsibilityAddressLine1	What's the postcode of the person with parental responsibility's address?
personOfParentalResponsibilityAddressLine2	What's the postcode of the person with parental responsibility's address?

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personOfParentalResponsibilityAddressLine3	What's the postcode of the person with parental responsibility's address?
personOfParentalResponsibilityDependantLocality	What's the postcode of the person with parental responsibility's address?
personOfParentalResponsibilityWard	What's the postcode of the person with parental responsibility's address?
personOfParentalResponsibilityPostTown	What's the postcode of the person with parental responsibility's address?
personOfParentalResponsibilityCounty	What's the postcode of the person with parental responsibility's address?
personOfParentalResponsibilityPostcode	What's the postcode of the person with parental responsibility's address?
emergencyContactTitle	The next of kin's title
emergencyContactFirstName	The next of kin's first name
emergencyContactLastName	The next of kin's last name
emergencyContactGender	Their gender
emergencyContactEmail	Their email address
emergencyContactContactNumber	Their contact number
emergencyContactRelationship	What's the next of kin's relationship to you?
emergencyContactStartedPermissionOfCare	When did permission to care start?
emergencyContactLivesWithPatient	Do they live with you?
emergencyContactCanDiscussMedicalRecords	In the case of an emergency, can we discuss your medical record with them?
emergencyContactIsCarer	Are they your carer?
emergencyContactIsPatientAlready	Are they a patient with us already?
hasHadPreviousNames	Have you had other first or last names in the past?

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previousFirstNames	Previous first name(s):
previousLastNames	Previous last name(s):
hasMoved	Have you lived at an address in the UK that is different to your current address?
previousAddressLine1	Please type the postcode of your previous address:
previousAddressLine2	Please type the postcode of your previous address:
previousAddressLine3	Please type the postcode of your previous address:
previousCounty	Please type the postcode of your previous address:
previousDependantLocality	Please type the postcode of your previous address:
previousWard	Please type the postcode of your previous address:
previousPostTown	Please type the postcode of your previous address:
previousPostcode	Please type the postcode of your previous address:
isFirstGp	Have you ever had a GP in England before?
previousGpCode	Who was your previous GP practice?
previousGpName	Who was your previous GP practice?
keepPharmacy	Would you like to keep your current pharmacy?
preferredContactMethod	What's the best way to contact you when it comes to your medical circumstances?
contactConsent	Can we contact you about updates at the practice?
satisfaction	How happy are you with this registration process?
satisfactionFeedback	Why did you give that score?

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has_repeatMedications	Does the patient have any repeat prescription medication?
repeatMedications	Does the patient have any repeat prescription medication?
longTermConditions	Does the patient have any of the following long term conditions?
wantsBBVScreening	Would the patient like a blood borne virus screening test?
hasDisabilities	Do you have any disabilities?
disabilityDescription	Please provide more details about your disabilities
weightKg	How tall are you in centimetres?
heightCm	How much do you weigh in kilograms?
hasAllergies	Do you have any allergies?
allergies	What's the allergy? / How does this allergy affect you?
exerciseFrequency	How much exercise do you do?
smokingStatus	What's your smoking status?
dailySmokingFrequency	How many cigarettes did you or the patient smoke per day? An estimate is fine
wantsSmokingAdvice	Would you like free smoking advice and support?
alcoholStatus	Do you drink alcohol?
alcoholOverGuidelineFrequency	In the last year, how often have you had 8 (for men) / 6 (for women) or more units of alcohol on a single occasion?

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alcoholFailedToActNormally	In the last year, how often have you failed to do what was normally expected of you because of drinking?
alcoholLostMemory	In the last year, how often have you forgotten what happened because you had been drinking?
alcoholConcernFromOthers	In the last year, has a relative, friend, doctor or other health worker been concerned about your drinking or suggested that you cut down?
offeredHIVTest	Would the patient like to be tested for HIV?
wantsHIVTest	Would the patient like to be tested for HIV?
wantsChlamydiaTest	Would the patient like to be tested for Chlamydia?
medicalSatisfaction	Are you happy with this medical survey?
ppgConsent	Would you like to be part of our Patient Participation Group?

These questions appear in the Local Form:

Variable Stored	Questions
previousPractiveRating	How satisfied were you with your previous practice?
previousPracticeComment	Do you have any feedback for your previous practice? This anonymous feedback may be shared with your previous practice to help improve their service.
specialCircumstances	Do any of the following apply to you? (homelessness, asylum seeker, etc)
careGiverInformation	Who do you care for and how do you provide care for them?
carerAdvice	Would you like free carers advice and support?

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smokingAdvice	Would you like free smoking advice and support?
isPregnant	Are you pregnant?
pregnancyDueDate	What is your due date?
maternityServices	Are you booked in with maternity services?
maternityServicesInformation	Which maternity services are you booked with?
familyHistory	Do you have any family history of these conditions?
dischargeDate	What date did you leave the Armed Forces?

## Appendix B

**Full list of data points collected and stored by sub-processors. A full sub-processor list can be made available on request.**

These data points are used to send personalised messaging (text and email) to patients. Examples include but are not limited to:

- 1) sending a confirmation of form receipt email
- 2) sending welcome emails with their new GP's details
- 3) asking for more documentation because We are their first GP
- 4) suggesting that patients fill in the medical form
- 5) telling parents about their child's registration
- 6) fulfil patient requests. E.g. with wantsSmokingAdvice, We send them a link to a local smoking cessation advice resource

We use Customer.io (Belgium, EU) to send e-mails to patients:

- id (unique anonymous identifier allocated by Healthtech-1)
- gpCode
- gpName
- namedGp
- gpWebsite
- gpEmail
- gpAppointmentsUrl
- createdAt
- firstName
- lastName
- hasMobileNumber
- mobileNumber
- email
- registrationFor
- dateOfBirth
- isFirstGp
- registrationReason
- satisfaction
- medicalSatisfaction
- contactConsent
- wantsSmokingAdvice

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- person of parental responsibilityRelationship
- person of parental responsibilityTitle
- person of parental responsibilityFirstName
- person of parental responsibilityLastName
- person of parental responsibilityDateOfBirth
- person of parental responsibilityContactNumber
- person of parental responsibilityEmail
- withinPracticeCatchment
- armedForcesRole
- isCarer
- updatedAt
- registrationType
- registrationModifiers
- internalStatus
- lastCompletePage
- internalStatusMedicalForm
- lastCompleteMedicalPage

We use Firetext (England, UK) to send text messages to patients:

- First name
- Mobile number
- GP Practice
- Usual GP

We use Postmark (USA) to send email notifications to practices about registrations:

- Patient last name
- Patient DOB
- Patient Title
- Passover to practice reason - no sensitive information included