

## National Data Opt-Out

If you don't want your confidential patient information to be shared by NHS Digital with other organisations for purposes except for your own care, i.e. planning and research purposes - either GP data, or other data it holds, such as hospital data - you can register a [National Data Opt-Out](#).

If you have already registered a National Data Opt-Out, NHS Digital will not share any confidential patient information about you with other organisations, unless there is an exemption to this, such as where there is a legal requirement or where it is in the public interest to do so, for example for helping to manage contagious diseases like coronavirus. You can find out more about [exemptions on the NHS website](#).

There is an intention for the National Data Opt-out to apply to any confidential patient information shared by the GP practice with other organisations for purposes except your individual care. This means it will replace the Type-1 Opt out. If this happens, patients who have registered a Type 1 Opt-Out will be informed. Please note that the National Data Opt-out will not apply to confidential patient information being shared by GP practices with NHS Digital as it is a legal requirement for us to share data with NHS Digital and the National Data Opt-out does not apply whether there is a legal requirement to share data

You can find out more about and register a National Data Opt-out or change your choice on [nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters](https://nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters) or by calling **0300 3035678**.

You can also set your opt-out preferences via the NHS App if you are registered to use this application.

**The practice is now fully compliant with the National Data Opt-Out requirements**, and we have a designated section on our practice website which provides all of the key information regarding this national requirements. This includes a fully compliant Data Protection Impact Assessment, a National Data Opt-Out Policy which all staff are required to abide by when following National Data Opt-Out requirements, details on how patients can set their preferences as well as having the functionality to now set preferences through our practice system, EMIS.