

Old Harlow Health Centre

Statement of Intent - Information Technology

STATEMENTS OF INTENT FOR OLD HARLOW HEALTH CENTRE

New contractual requirements came into force from 1 April 2014 requiring that GP practices should make available a statement of intent in relation to the following IT developments:

1. Summary Care Record (SCR)
2. GP to GP Record Transfers
3. Patient Online Access to Their GP Record
4. Data for commissioning and other secondary care purposes

The same contractual obligations require that we have a statement of intent regarding these developments in place and publicised by 30th September 2014.

Please find below details of the practices stance with regards to these points.

Summary Care Record (SCR)

NHS England require practices to enable successful automated uploads of any changes to patient's summary information, at least on a daily basis, to the summary care record (SCR) or have published plans in place to achieve this by 31st March 2015.

Having your Summary Care Record (SCR) available will help anyone treating you without your full medical record. They will have access to information about any medication you may be taking and any drugs that you have a recorded allergy or sensitivity to.

Of course if you do not want your medical records to be available in this way then you will need to let us know so that we can update your record.

Dr Anthony & Partners confirm that your SCR is automatically updated on at least a daily basis to ensure that your information is as up to date as it can possibly be.

Transfer of patient records (GP2GP)

GP practices are obliged to make available a statement of intent regarding GP2GP. This document is the Statement of Intent from the Old Harlow Health Centre.

The Government requires all practices to utilise the electronic GP2GP facility for transfer of patient records between practices, when a patient registers or de-registers (not for temporary registration), or have publicised plans in place to achieve this by March 31st 2015.

This practice uses the GP2GP facility for all transfers of patient records unless there is an issue with the receiving practice's computer system which does not allow or provide such transfers.

The practice clinical system is fully compliant with GP2GP.

Dr Anthony & Partners confirm that GP to GP transfers are already active and we send and receive patient records via this system.

Patient Online Access to Their GP Record

NHS England require practices to promote and offer the facility to enable patients online access to appointments, prescriptions, allergies and adverse reactions or have published plans in place to achieve this by 31st of March 2015.

We currently offer the facility for booking and cancelling appointments and also for ordering your repeat prescriptions on-line. This is done via 'In Practice Systems'. If you do not already have a user name and password for this system – please register for them at our reception.

However, our computer supplier 'In Practice Systems' has not yet made our system compliant for you to access information online from your medical record.

Dr Anthony & Partners confirm that this is expected to be in place in the near future.

Data for commissioning and other secondary care purposes

It is already a requirement of the Health and Social Care Act that practices must meet the reasonable data requirements of commissioners and other health and social care organisations through appropriate and safe data sharing for secondary uses, as specified in the technical specification for care data.

At the Old Harlow Health Centre we have specific arrangements in place to allow patients to “opt out” of care.data which allows for the removal of data from the practice.

Dr Anthony & Partners confirm these arrangements are in place and that we undertake annual training and audits to ensure that all our data is handled correctly and safely via the Information Governance Toolkit.