**Privacy Notice**

How we use your personal information

This privacy notice explains why the practice collects information about you and how that information may be used.

The health care professionals who provide you with care maintain records about your health and any treatment or care you have received previously (e.g. Hospital, GP Surgery, Walk-in clinic, etc.). These records help to provide you with the best possible healthcare.

NHS health records may be electronic, on paper or a mixture of both, and we use a combination of working practices and technology to ensure that your information and requests are kept confidential and secure. Records which this GP Practice holds about you may include the following information;

* Details about you, such as your address, legal representative, emergency contact details
* Any contact the surgery has had with you, such as appointments, clinic visits, emergency appointments, etc.
* Notes and reports about your health
* Details about your treatment and care
* Results of investigations such as laboratory tests, x-rays etc
* Relevant information from other health professionals, relatives or those who care for you

Your records will be retained in accordance with the NHS Code of Practice for Records Management

In order to deliver the best possible service, the practice will share data (where required) with other NHS bodies such as other GP practices, hospitals and community pharmacists.

In addition the practice will use carefully selected third party service providers. When we use a third party service provider to process data on our behalf we will always have an appropriate agreement in place. To ensure that data is kept secure they do not use or share information other than in accordance with our instructions and are operating appropriately.

Examples of function that may be carried out by third parties includes:

IT services and support, including our core clinical systems; systems which manage patient facing services, data hosting service providers; systems which facilitate electronic prescription services; systems for requesting advice and information.

Sometimes your information may be requested to be used for research purposes – the surgery will always gain your consent before releasing the information for this purpose.

Mobile Telephone/email address – if you provide us with your mobile phone number/email address we may use this to send you reminders about any appointments, other health screening information being carried out or replying to your request for advice from a clinician.

The General Data Protection Regulation

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018) became law on 25th May 2018. The GDPR is a single EU-wide regulation on the protection of confidential and sensitive (special) information, the DPA 2018 deals with elements of UK law that differ from the European Regulation, both came into force in the UK on the 25th May 2018, repealing the previous Data Protection Act (1998).

For the purpose of applicable data protection legislation (including but not limited to the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) (the "GDPR"), and the Data Protection Act 2018 the practice responsible for your personal data is [ Mesnes View Surgery].

This Notice describes how we collect, use and process your personal data, and how in doing so, we comply with our legal obligations to you. Your privacy is important to us, and we are committed to protecting and safeguarding your data privacy rights.

How do we maintain the confidentiality of your records?

We are committed to protecting your privacy and will only use information collected lawfully in accordance with:

* Data Protection Act 1998
* Human Rights Act 1998
* Common Law Duty of Confidentiality
* Health and Social Care Act 2012
* NHS Codes of Confidentiality and Information Security

Every member of staff who works for the Practice or another NHS organisation has a legal obligation to keep information about you confidential.

Shared Care Records

To support your care and improve the sharing of relevant information to our partner organisations, when they are involved in looking after you, we will share information to other systems. You can opt out of this sharing of your records with our partners at any time if this sharing is based on your consent.

Sharing your information without consent

We will normally ask you for your consent, but there are times when we may be required by law to share your information without your consent, for example:

* where there is a serious risk of harm or abuse to you or other people;
* Safeguarding matters and investigations
* where a serious crime, such as assault, is being investigated or where it could be prevented;
* notification of new births;
* where we encounter infectious diseases that may endanger the safety of others, such as meningitis or measles (but not HIV/AIDS);
* where a formal court order has been issued;
* where there is a legal requirement, for example if you had committed a Road Traffic Offence.

Who are our partner organisations?

We may also have to share your information, subject to strict agreements on how it will be used, with the following organisations or receive information from the following organisations:-

* NHS Trusts / Foundation Trusts
* GP’s
* Primary Care Network additional roles (Pharmacists, Link Workers, Care Coordinators, First contact Physiotherapists, Mental Health Workers, Pharmacy Technicians)
* NHS Commissioning Support Units
* Independent Contractors such as dentists, opticians, pharmacists
* Private Sector Providers
* Voluntary Sector Providers
* Ambulance Trusts
* Clinical Commissioning Groups
* Social Care Services
* NHS Digital
* Local Authorities
* Education Services
* Fire and Rescue Services
* Police & Judicial Services
* Other ‘data processors’ which you will be informed of

You will be informed who your data will be shared with and in some cases asked for explicit consent for this happen when this is required.

Primary Care Network

The objective of primary care networks (PCNs) is for group practices together to create more collaborative workforces which ease the pressure of GP’s, leaving them better able to focus on patient care.

Primary Care Networks form a key building block of the NHS long-term plan. Bringing general practices together to work at scale has been a policy priority for some years for a range of reasons, including improving the ability of practices to recruit and retain staff; to manage financial and estates pressures; to provide a wider range of services to patients and to more easily integrate with the wider health and care system.

All GP practices have come together in geographical networks covering populations of approximately 30–50,000 patients to take advantage of additional funding attached to the GP contract. This size is consistent with the size of the primary care homes, which exist in many places in the country, but much smaller than most GP Federations.

This means the practice may share your information with other practices within the PCN to provide you with your care and treatment.

COVID-19

Due to the unprecedented challenges that the NHS and we, Mesnes View Surgery face due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, there is a greater need for public bodies to require additional collection and sharing of personal data to protect against serious threats to public health.

In order to look after your healthcare needs in the most efficient way we, Mesnes View Surgery may therefore need to share your personal information, including medical records, with staff from other GP Practices including Practices within our Primary Care Network, as well as other health organisations (i.e. Clinical Commissioning Groups, Commissioning Support Units, Local authorities etc.) and bodies engaged in disease surveillance for the purposes of research, protecting public health, providing healthcare services to the public and monitoring and managing the Covid-19 outbreak and incidents of exposure.

Risk Stratification

Risk stratification data tools are increasingly being used in the NHS to help determine a person’s risk of suffering a condition, preventing an unplanned or (re)admission and identifying a need for preventive intervention. Information about you is collected from several sources including NHS Trusts and from this GP Practice. The identifying parts of your data are removed, analysis of your data is undertaken, and a risk score is then determined. This is then provided back to your GP as data controller in an identifiable form. Risk stratification enables your GP to focus on preventing ill health and not just the treatment of sickness. If necessary, your GP may be able to offer you additional services. Please note that you have the right to opt out of your data being used in this way in most circumstances, please contact the practice for further information about opt out.

Individual Risk Management at a GP practice level however is deemed to be part of your individual healthcare and is covered by our legal powers above.

Medicines Management

The Practice may conduct Medicines Management Reviews of medications prescribed to its patients. This service performs a review of prescribed medications to ensure patients receive the most appropriate, up to date and cost-effective treatments. The reviews are carried out by the CCGs Medicines Management Team under a Data Processing contract with the Practice.

Access to personal information

Data Subject Access Requests: You have a right under the Data Protection legislation to request access to view or to obtain copies of what information the surgery holds about you and to have it amended should it be inaccurate. In order to request this, you need to do the following:

* Your request must be made in writing to the GP - for information from the hospital you should write direct to them
* There may be a charge to have a printed copy of the information held about you
* We are required to respond to you within 40 days
* You will need to give adequate information (for example full name, address, date of birth, NHS number and details of your request) so that your identity can be verified and your records located

Objections / Complaints

Should you have any concerns about how your information is managed at the GP, please contact the Practice Manager. If you are still unhappy following a review by the GP practice, you can then complain to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) via their website ([www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)).

Information Commissioner:

Wycliffe house

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545745

Change of Details

It is important that you tell the person treating you if any of your details such as your name or address have changed or if any of your details such as date of birth is incorrect in order for this to be amended. You have a responsibility to inform us of any changes so our records are accurate and up to date for you.

Notification

The Data Protection Act 1998 requires organisations to register a notification with the Information Commissioner to describe the purposes for which they process personal and sensitive information.

This information is publicly available on the Information Commissioners Office website [www.ico.org.uk](file:///%5C%5Cpct.xsalford.nhs.uk%5Cusers%24%5Chome%5Clwinstanley%5Cwww.ico.org.uk)

The practice is registered with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO).

Who is the Data Controller?

The Data Controller, responsible for keeping your information secure and confidential is:

Dr P R Kreppel

General Practitioner