

**How information about you helps us provide better care**

If you do not want information that identifies you to be shared outside your GP practice, you can ask your practice to make a note of this in your medical record. This is called an objection. An objection will prevent your confidential information being used other than where there are exceptional circumstances or where the law allows your information to be shared.

Remember, if you are happy for your information to be used for planning health services and for research then you do not need to do anything.

**What kinds of information sharing can I object to?**

There are two types of information sharing you can object to:

- **Section A:** You can object to information containing data that identifies you from leaving your GP practice. This type of objection will prevent the identifiable information held in your GP record from being sent to the HSCIC secure environment. It will also prevent those who have gained special legal approval from using your health information for research.

I wish to exercise my right to object as described in section A
Signature

- **Section B:** You can also object to any information containing data that identifies you from leaving the HSCIC secure environment. This includes information from all places you receive NHS care, such as hospitals. If you do not object, information that identifies you will only leave the HSCIC in limited circumstances where there is special legal approval, for example for medical research. If you object, confidential information will not leave the HSCIC and be used in this way, except in very rare circumstances for example in the event of a civil emergency.

I wish to exercise my right to object as described in section B
Signature

Name	Address
Today's date	Date of birth