

# Sharing your health and care information

It makes sense that when you visit your GP, go to hospital or see a social care professional, they have access to your health and social care information, so that they can look after you properly, right? In the past, the only information they could see was whatever had been recorded in their own local care system.



## Your personal information

### The law is changing

As we get better at sharing your information between health professionals in Somerset, new laws are being introduced to give you more rights to what happens to your personal information.

## The legal bit

The EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into effect in the UK in May 2018. It represents the most significant reform of Data Protection laws for twenty years. The law has been updated and now includes information about you stored on the Internet and social media. Further updates will be provided in the spring edition of *Your Somerset*.

**The good news is that things are changing!**

**But we know we can do more**

**You only need to give us your details once**

Since late 2016, all hospitals in Somerset have been able to access your GP records - but only if you agree to it at the time of your care. This allows clinical staff treating you to deliver better and safer care.

The NHS in Somerset and Somerset County Council are working together to develop a new service, called SIDeR (Somerset Integrated Digital electronic Record), which will allow clinical staff and social workers who care for you, to access all your care information.

- This will not only save you time, as you won't have to tell each of them about your medical and care history, but it will also allow them to focus on safely treating, helping and caring for you.

Your information will be stored securely and only clinical staff and social workers, who are providing your direct care, will have access to your information.

Look out for more information about SIDeR in the next edition of *Your Somerset*, due out in the spring, or visit [www.somersetccg.nhs.uk/your-health/sharing-your-information](http://www.somersetccg.nhs.uk/your-health/sharing-your-information)

## So, what does that mean for you and the information we hold about you?

Ask for your information to be corrected or deleted

Find out how your information is being used

**YOUR RIGHTS**  
you will be able to...

Find out what information we hold about you

Find out who my information is shared with

Ask us to stop processing your information

Report any data breaches

Treat your information fairly and lawfully

Give you your information when you ask for it

**WE WILL**  
make sure to...

Only keep information for as long as it is needed

Store it securely

Keep records of who accesses your information

For more information about the changes to the law and how it affects you, visit the Information Commissioner's Office website [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)