

How is my information shared?



To help give patients the best care possible, sometimes we will need to share information about you and your health. The detail of this could include your name, address, dates of any visits, diagnosis and/or treatments. This information is shared to make sure we and other colleagues know enough about your needs to support you. We have specific rules, governed by law, which we must stick to, intended to protect any information we may hold or share.

We may share your information with the following types of organisations:

- NHS Trusts, such as hospitals
- Community/district nurses
- NHS 111, ambulance and/or other emergency services
- General practice
- Child and adult safeguarding services
- Social services and local authorities
- Care Quality Commission



Possible reasons why we may also share your information could be for:

- Research
- Audits – including local clinical audits to provide quality assurance of care received by our service users
- Local and national benchmarking
- Service management
- Commissioning and contract monitoring
- Capacity and demand planning
- Reporting, including public health alerts, performance and board reports
- Teaching and training
- Sharing best practice/serious care reviews/incident management of adverse events
- Staff and patient surveys
- Personal development/review (particularly for clinicians)
- Subject access requests
- Processing information – changing information so it can be used for secondary purposes.
- Participation in national fraud detection exercises
- Local clinical supervision

If you want to know more about how we may share your information and to understand your rights as a patient, please visit www.hacw.nhs.uk.