



**ST AUSTELL
HEALTHCARE**

Dear Patient

Important Information about your Summary Care Record (SCR)

The Summary Care Record, an electronic health record that can be accessed when you need urgent treatment from somebody other than your own GP (eg when you are holiday in England).

The Summary Care Record is a short summary of your GP medical records. It tells other health care staff who may need to care for you about the medicines you are taking, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines you have had in the past. You will be able to add other information too if you and your GP agree that it is a good idea to do so.

If you have an accident or fall ill, when you are on holiday or in an emergency, the people caring for you in places like Accident & Emergency Departments and GP Out-of-Hours Services will be better equipped to treat you if they have this information. Your Summary Care Record will only be available to authorised healthcare staff whenever and wherever you need treatment in England, and they will ask your permission before they look at it.

You need to make a decision

St Austell Healthcare supports Summary Care Records and as a patient you have a choice:

- **Yes, I would like a Summary Care Record.** If you want a record you do not need to do anything further, one will be created for you.
- **No, I do not want a Summary Care Record.** If you do not want a record, or have opted out of having a record in the past and this decision still remains, you need to fill in the Summary Care Record Opt out Form enclosed and hand it in to one of our Receptionists at any of our 4 sites (Foxhole, Park, Wheal Northey or Carlyon Road Health Hub)

You are free to change your decision at any time by informing us.

Children under 16 will automatically have a Summary Care Record created for them unless their parent or guardian chooses to opt them out. If you are the parent or guardian of a child under 16 and feel that they are old enough to understand, please tell them about the Summary Care Records and explain the options available to them.

For more information please feel free to talk to your GP or call Health & Social Care Information Centre on 0300 303 567.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of St Austell Healthcare

Enc Opt-Out Form

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