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Dear patient

## Summary Care Record – your emergency care summary

The NHS in England has introduced the Summary Care Record, which is used in emergency care. The record contains information about any medicines you are taking, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines you have had, to ensure those caring for you have enough information to treat you safely.

As a patient you have a choice:

- **Yes I would like a Summary Care Record** – you do not need to do anything and a Summary Care Record will be created for you. Healthcare staff will ask your permission before they look at your record, except in certain circumstances for example if you are unconscious.
- **No I do not want a Summary Care Record** – enclosed is an opt out form. **This form should be completed and returned to the practice.** Additional copies of the opt out form can be requested from the dedicated NHS Summary Care Record Information line on **0300 123 3020**.

The enclosed leaflet provides more information to help you decide.

For more information, telephone the dedicated NHS Summary Care Record Information Line on **0300 123 3020** or visit the website at [www.nhscarecords.nhs.uk](http://www.nhscarecords.nhs.uk), where you can find information in other formats and languages.

**You can choose not to have a Summary Care Record and you can change your mind at any time by informing the GP practice.**

Yours sincerely

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