

## **Patient Notice**

### **Access To Medical Records and Data Protection Act Information**

We **ask** you for information so that you can receive proper care and treatment.

We **keep** this information, together with details of your care, because it may be needed if we see you again.

We **may use** some of this information for **other reasons**: for example, to help us protect the health of the public generally and to help ensure the NHS runs efficiently, is able to plan for the future, train its staff, pay its bills and account for its actions. Information may also be needed to help educate tomorrow's clinical staff and to carry out medical, and other, health research for the benefit of everyone.

Sometimes the law requires us to pass on information; for example, to notify a birth.

The NHS Central Register for England and Wales contains basic personal details of all patients registered with a General Practitioner. The Register does not contain any clinical information.

### **You have a right of access to your own health records**

### **Everyone working for the NHS has a legal duty to keep information about you confidential**

You may be receiving care from other people as well as the NHS. So that we can all work together, for your benefit, we may need to share some information about you.

We only ever use, or pass on, information about you if people have a genuine need for it and it is in everyone's interests. The sharing of some types of very sensitive, personal, information is strictly controlled by law.

**Anyone** who receives information from us is also under a **legal duty** to keep it confidential.