**New Park Medical Practice**

**How we use your medical records**

**Important information for patients**

* This practice handles medical records in-line with laws on data protection and confidentiality.
* We share medical records with those who are involved in providing you with care and treatment.
* In some circumstances we will also share medical records for medical research, for example to find out more about why people get ill. As a practice, we feel that research is essential for progress in healthcare and is of considerable benefit to individual patients and the public as a whole. We regularly take part in research studies with the help of experienced NHS staff who search medical records for people who might be suitable so that we can write to them asking if they are interested in taking part.

**No personal identifiable data is removed from the NHS or provided to any researchers without specific consent from patients.**

* We share information when the law requires us to do so, for example, to prevent infectious diseases from spreading or to check the care being provided to you is safe.
* You have the right to be given a copy of your medical record.
* You have the right to object to your medical records being shared with those who provide you with care.
* You have the right to object to your information being used for medical research and to plan health services. Patients have the right to opt out of being contacted about research studies. ***Please let the reception staff or your GP know if you wish to opt out.***
* You have the right to have any mistakes corrected and to complain to the Information Commissioner’s Office. Please see the practice privacy notice on the website or speak to a member of staff for more information about your rights.
* For more information ask at reception for a leaflet OR visit our website www.newparkmedicalpractice.nhs.scot

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