

Rebecca Ford Eyes customer privacy notice

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Contact details

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What information we collect, use, and why

We collect or use the following information **to provide patient care**:

- Name, address and contact details
- Gender
- Pronoun preferences
- Date of birth
- NHS/HSC/CHI number

- Emergency contact details
- Photographs
- Health information (including medical conditions, allergies, medical requirements and medical history)
- Information about care needs (including disabilities, home conditions, medication and dietary requirements and general care provisions)
- Test results (including psychological evaluations, scans, bloods, x-rays, tissue tests and genetic tests)
- Insurance policy details

We also collect the following information **to provide patient care:**

- Health information

We collect or use the following personal information **for patient app or portal functionality:**

- Names and contact details

We collect or use the following personal information **for medical research or archiving purposes:**

- Names and contact details
- Address
- Recorded images such as photographs, X-rays or scan images
- Personal information used for medical investigations
- Records of consent, where appropriate

We also collect the following information **for archiving purposes:**

- Health information

We collect or use the following personal information **for dealing with queries, complaints or claims:**

- Names and contact details

- Address
- Payment details
- Customer or client accounts and records

We also collect the following information **for dealing with queries, complaints or claims:**

- Health information

Lawful bases and data protection rights

Under UK data protection law, we must have a “lawful basis” for collecting and using your personal information. There is a list of possible lawful bases in the UK GDPR. You can find out more about lawful bases on the ICO’s website.

Which lawful basis we rely on may affect your data protection rights which are in brief set out below. You can find out more about your data protection rights and the exemptions which may apply on the ICO’s website:

- **Your right of access** - You have the right to ask us for copies of your personal information. You can request other information such as details about where we get personal information from and who we share personal information with. There are some exemptions which means you may not receive all the information you ask for. [You can read more about this right here.](#)
- **Your right to rectification** - You have the right to ask us to correct or delete personal information you think is inaccurate or incomplete. [You can read more about this right here.](#)
- **Your right to erasure** - You have the right to ask us to delete your personal information. [You can read more about this right here.](#)
- **Your right to restriction of processing** - You have the right to ask us to limit how we can use your personal information. [You can read more about this right here.](#)
- **Your right to object to processing** - You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data. [You can read more about this right here.](#)
- **Your right to data portability** - You have the right to ask that we transfer the personal information you gave us to another organisation, or to you. [You can read more about this right here.](#)

- **Your right to withdraw consent** – When we use consent as our lawful basis you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. [You can read more about this right here.](#)

If you make a request, we must respond to you without undue delay and in any event within one month.

To make a data protection rights request, please contact us using the contact details at the top of this privacy notice.

Our lawful bases for the collection and use of your data

Our lawful bases for collecting or using personal information **to provide patient care, services, pharmaceutical products and other goods** are:

- Consent - we have permission from you after we gave you all the relevant information. All of your data protection rights may apply, except the right to object. To be clear, you do have the right to withdraw your consent at any time.
- Contract – we have to collect or use the information so we can enter into or carry out a contract with you. All of your data protection rights may apply except the right to object.
- Legitimate interest:
 - The legitimate interest for collecting relevant data is in order to provide medical care as a private medical practitioner.

Our lawful bases for collecting or using personal information **for patient app or portal functionality** are:

- Consent - we have permission from you after we gave you all the relevant information. All of your data protection rights may apply, except the right to object. To be clear, you do have the right to withdraw your consent at any time.
- Legitimate interests – we’re collecting or using your information because it benefits you, our organisation or someone else, without causing an undue risk of harm to anyone. All of your data protection rights may apply, except the right to portability. Our legitimate interests are:

- Relevant information is collected in order to enable patient correspondence to be generated and sent out through an electronic medical records system.

Our lawful bases for collecting or using personal information **for archiving purposes** are:

- Consent - we have permission from you after we gave you all the relevant information. All of your data protection rights may apply, except the right to object. To be clear, you do have the right to withdraw your consent at any time.
- Legal obligation – we have to collect or use your information so we can comply with the law. All of your data protection rights may apply, except the right to erasure, the right to object and the right to data portability.
- Legitimate interests – we’re collecting or using your information because it benefits you, our organisation or someone else, without causing an undue risk of harm to anyone. All of your data protection rights may apply, except the right to portability. Our legitimate interests are:
 - Medical records are legally required to be stored safely for at least 8 years, or longer in specific circumstances.

Our lawful bases for collecting or using personal information for **dealing with queries, complaints or claims** are:

- Consent - we have permission from you after we gave you all the relevant information. All of your data protection rights may apply, except the right to object. To be clear, you do have the right to withdraw your consent at any time.
- Legal obligation – we have to collect or use your information so we can comply with the law. All of your data protection rights may apply, except the right to erasure, the right to object and the right to data portability.
- Legitimate interests – we’re collecting or using your information because it benefits you, our organisation or someone else, without causing an undue risk of harm to anyone. All of your data protection rights may apply, except the right to portability. Our legitimate interests are:
 - Medical records must legally be held for at least 8 years in order to deal with queries, complaints or claims. Payment records related to this

private medical practice are held in order to deal with any payment related queries or complaints.

Where we get personal information from

- Directly from you
- Family members or carers
- Other health and care providers

How long we keep information

- general medical / hospital records (not specified elsewhere in the schedule) - 8 years after conclusion of treatment or death
- records relating to litigation should be reviewed 10 years after the file has been closed.

Children and young people's records will be retained:

- until the patient's 25th birthday, or
- 26th birthday if the young person was 17 at the conclusion of treatment, or
- eight years after death, unless the illness or death could have potential relevance to adult conditions or genetic implications.

Who we share information with

Others we share personal information with

- Other health providers (eg GPs, hospitals and relevant referring or co-managing consultants)

Duty of confidentiality

We are subject to a common law duty of confidentiality. However, there are circumstances where we will share relevant health and care information. These are where:

- you've provided us with your consent (we have taken it as implied to provide you with care, or you have given it explicitly for other uses);
- we have a legal requirement (including court orders) to collect, share or use the data;
- on a case-by-case basis, the public interest to collect, share and use the data overrides the public interest served by protecting the duty of confidentiality (for

example sharing information with the police to support the detection or prevention of serious crime);

- If in England or Wales – the requirements of The Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002 are satisfied; or
- If in Scotland – we have the authority to share provided by the Chief Medical Officer for Scotland, the Chief Executive of NHS Scotland, the [Public Benefit and Privacy Panel for Health and Social Care](#) or other similar governance and scrutiny process.

How to complain

If you have any concerns about our use of your personal data, you can make a complaint to us using the contact details at the top of this privacy notice.

If you remain unhappy with how we've used your data after raising a complaint with us, you can also complain to the ICO.

The ICO's address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 1113

Website: <https://www.ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint>

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