**GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)**

**The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a new law that determines how your personal data is processed and kept safe, and the legal rights that you have in relation to your own data.**

**The regulation applies from 25th May 2018 and will apply even after the UK leaves the EU.**

**What will GDPR mean for patients?**

The GDPR sets out the key principles about processing personal data, for staff or patients;

* Data must be processed lawfully, fairly and transparently
* It must be collected for specific, explicit and legitimate purposes
* It must be limited to whet is necessary for the purposes for which it is processed
* Information must be accurate and kept up to date
* Data must be held securely
* It can only be retained for as long as is necessary for the reasons it was collected

There are also stronger rights for patients regarding the information that practices hold about them. These include;

* Being informed about how their data is used
* Patients to have access to their own data
* Patients can ask to have incorrect information changed
* Restrict how their data is used
* Move their patient data from one health organisation to another
* The right to object to their patient information being processed (in certain circumstances)

**Your data, privacy and the Law.**

**How we use your medical records**

* This practice handles medical records according to the laws on data protection and confidentiality.
* We share medical records with health professionals who are involved in providing you with care and treatment. This is on a need to know basis and event by event.
* Some of your data is automatically copied to the Shared Care Summary Record.
* We share some of your data with the local Out Of Hours, Extended Hours and Emergency Services
* Data about you is used to manage national screening campaigns such as Flu, Cervical cytology and Diabetes prevention.
* Data about you, usually de-identified, is used to manage the NHS and make payments.
* We share information when the law requires us to, for instance when we are inspected or are reporting certain illnesses or for safeguarding vulnerable people.
* Your data is used to check the quality of care provided by the NHS.
* We may also share medical records for medical research

For more information please visit our Website or ask in practice for further details.