**Amaanah Medical Practice**

**PRACTICE PRIVACY NOTICE**

**How we use your information:**

This privacy notice explains why we as a Practice collect information about our patients and how we use that information.

Amaanah Medical Practice manages patient information in accordance with existing laws and with guidance from organisations that govern the provision of healthcare in England such as the Department of Health and the General Medical Council.

We are committed to protecting your privacy and will only use information collected lawfully in accordance with:

• Data Protection Act 2018

• General Data Protection Rules 2018

• Human Rights Act 1998

• Common Law Duty of Confidentiality

• Health and Social Care Act 2012

• NHS Codes of Confidentiality and Information Security

As data controllers, GPs have fair processing responsibilities under the Data Protection Act 2018. In practice, this means ensuring that your personal confidential data (PCD) is handled clearly and transparently, and in a reasonably expected way.

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 changed the way that personal confidential data is processed, therefore it is important that our patients are aware of and understand these changes, and that you have an opportunity to object and know how to do so.

The health care professionals who provide you with care maintain records about your health and any NHS treatment or care you have received (e.g. NHS Hospital Trust, GP Surgery, Walk-in clinic, etc.). These records help to provide you with the best possible healthcare.

NHS health records may be processed electronically, on paper or a mixture of both; a combination of working practices and technology are used to ensure that your information is kept confidential and secure. Records held by this GP practice may include the following information:

• Details about you, such as address and next of kin

• Any contact the practice has had with you, including appointments (emergency or scheduled), clinic visits, etc.

• Notes and reports about your health

• Details about treatment and care received

• Results of investigations, such as laboratory tests, x-rays, etc.

• Relevant information from other health professionals, relatives or those who care for you

The practice collects and holds data for the sole purpose of providing healthcare services to our patients and we will ensure that the information is kept confidential. However, we can disclose personal information if:

a) It is required by law

b) You provide consent – either implicitly or for the sake of their own care, or explicitly for other purposes

c) It is justified to be in the public interest

Some of this information will be held centrally and used for statistical purposes. Where we hold data centrally, we take strict and secure measures to ensure that individual patients cannot be identified.

Information may be used for clinical audit purposes to monitor the quality of service provided, and may be held centrally and used for statistical purposes. Where we do this we ensure that patient records cannot be identified.

Sometimes your information may be requested to be used for clinical research purposes – the practice will always endeavour to gain your consent before releasing the information.

Improvements in information technology are also making it possible for us to share data with other healthcare providers with the objective of providing you with better care.

Patients can choose to withdraw their consent to their data being used in this way. When the practice is about to participate in any new data-sharing scheme we will make patients aware by displaying prominent notices in the surgery and on our website at least four weeks before the scheme is due to start. We will also explain clearly what you have to do to ‘opt-out’ of each new scheme.

A patient can object to their personal information being shared with other health care providers but if this limits the treatment that you can receive then the doctor will explain this to you at the time.

**Mobile Telephone**

If you provide us with your mobile phone number we may use this to send you reminders about any appointments or other health screening information being carried out.

**Our website**

You can access our website without giving us any information about yourself. But sometimes we do need information to provide services that you request, and this statement of privacy explains data collection and use in those situations.

In general, you can visit our web site without telling us who you are and without revealing any information about yourself. However there may be occasions when you choose to give us personal information, for example, when you choose to contact us or request information from us. We will ask you when we need information that personally identifies you or allows us to contact you.

We collect the personal data that you may volunteer while using our services. We do not collect information about our visitors from other sources, such as public records or bodies, or private organisations. We do not collect or use personal data for any purpose other than that indicated below:

• To send you confirmation of requests that you have made to us

• To send you information when you request it.

We intend to protect the quality and integrity of your personally identifiable information and we have implemented appropriate technical and organisational measures to do so. We ensure that your personal data will not be disclosed to any other party apart from State institutions and authorities if required by law or other regulation.

We use cookies on this website therefore you may see a message asking you to choose to accept or decline cookies. Our website may contain links to other websites of interest. However, once you have used these links to leave our site, you should be aware that we don’t have any control over the other website. Therefore, we cannot be responsible for the protection and privacy of any information which you provide whilst visiting these sites.

**Risk Stratification**

Risk stratification is a process for identifying and managing patients who are at high risk of requiring emergency or urgent care. Typically this is because patients have a long term condition such as COPD, cancer or other medical condition at risk of sudden worsening. NHS England (the national Commissioning Board) encourages GPs to use risk stratification tools as part of their local strategies for supporting patients with long-term conditions and to provide care plans and planned care with the aim to prevent avoidable admissions or other emergency care.

Information about you is collected from a number of sources including NHS Trusts and from this GP practice. A risk score is then arrived at through an analysis of your de-identified information using software provided by GEM as the data processor and is provided back in an identifiable form to your GP or member of your care team as data controller. Risk stratification enables your GP to focus on preventing ill health and not just the treatment of sickness. If necessary your GP may be able to offer you additional services.

Please note that you have the right to opt out of Risk Stratification. Should you have any concerns about how your information is managed, or wish to opt out of any data collection at the practice, please contact the practice. Patients have the right to change their minds and reverse a previous decision. Please contact the practice, if you change your mind regarding any previous choice.

**Medicines Management**

CCGs support local GP practices with prescribing queries which generally don’t require identifiable information. CCG pharmacists work with your practice to provide advice on medicines and prescribing queries, and review prescribing of medicines to ensure that it is safe and cost-effective.

**Safeguarding**To ensure that adult and children’s safeguarding matters are managed appropriately, access to identifiable information will be shared in some limited circumstances where it’s legally required for the safety of the individuals concerned.

**Summary Care Record (SCR)**

Summary Care Records are there to improve the safety and quality of your care. SCR core information comprises your allergies, adverse reactions and medications. NHS England uses a national electronic record called the Summary Care Record (SCR) to support patient care. It contains key information from your GP record. Your SCR provides authorised healthcare staff with faster, secure access to essential information about you in an emergency or when you need unplanned care, where such information would otherwise be unavailable.

**Invoice Validation**

If you have received treatment within the NHS your personal information may be shared within a strictly monitored, secure and confidential environment in order to determine which Clinical Commissioning Group should pay for the treatment or procedure you have received. Information such as your name, address and date of treatment may be passed on to enable the billing process - these details are held in a secure environment and kept confidential. This information will only be used to validate invoices, and will not be shared for any further commissioning purposes.

**How do we maintain the confidentiality of your records?**

We are committed to protecting your privacy and will only use information collected lawfully in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 (which is overseen by the Information Commissioner’s Office), Human Rights Act, the Common Law Duty of Confidentiality, and the NHS Codes of Confidentiality and Security. Every staff member who works for an NHS organisation has a legal obligation to maintain the confidentiality of patient information.

All of our staff, contractors and committee members receive appropriate and regular training to ensure they are aware of their personal responsibilities and have legal and contractual obligations to uphold confidentiality, enforceable through disciplinary procedures. Only a limited number of authorised staff has access to personal information where it is appropriate to their role and is strictly on a need-to-know basis.

We maintain our duty of confidentiality to you at all times. We will only ever use or pass on information about you if others involved in your care have a genuine need for it. We will not disclose your information to any third party without your permission unless there are exceptional circumstances (i.e. life or death situations), or where the law requires information to be passed on.

**Who are our partner organisations?**

We may also have to share your information, subject to strict agreements on how it will be used, with the following organisations:

• NHS Trusts (your care and treatment)

• Specialist Trusts (your care and treatment)

• Independent Contractors such as dentists, opticians, pharmacists (your care and treatment)

• Private Sector Providers (Private hospitals such as Spire and Nuffield for your care and treatment)

• Voluntary Sector Providers (with your consent only)

• Ambulance Trusts (emergency care)

• Clinical Commissioning Groups

• Social Care Services (safeguarding and emergency care or with your consent)

• Local Authorities (safeguarding and emergency care or with your consent)

• Education Services (safeguarding and emergency care or with your consent)

• Fire and Rescue Services (emergency only)

• DWP (with your consent)

• Police (emergency only)

**Access to personal information**

Under the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018 everybody has the right to see, or have a copy, of data we hold that can identify you, with some exceptions. You do not need to give a reason to see your data.

If you want to access your data you must make the request in writing. Under special circumstances, some information may be withheld. If you wish to have a copy of the information we hold about you, please contact the Practice.

**Change of Details including Mobile**

It is important that you tell the person treating you if any of your details such as your name or address have changed or if any of your details such as date of birth is incorrect in order for this to be amended. You have a responsibility to inform us of any changes so our records are accurate and up to date for you.

If you provide us with your mobile phone number, we may use this to send you reminders about your appointments or other health screening information. Please let us know if you do not wish to receive reminders on your mobile.

**Notification**

The practice is registered with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) to describe the purposes for which we process personal and sensitive information. This information is publicly available on the Information Commissioners Office website [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

The practice is registered as a data controller under the Data Protection Act 2018. The registration number is **ZA116595** and can be viewed online in the public register at <http://www.ico.org.uk/>

**Who is the Data Controller?**

The Data Controller, responsible for keeping your information secure and confidential is Amaanah Medical Practice. Any changes to this notice will be published on our website and displayed in prominent notices in the surgery.

**Complaints**You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner’s Office. If you wish to complain follow this link <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/> or call the helpline **0303 123 1113**

**Further information**

Further information about the way in which the NHS uses personal information and your rights in that respect can be found in:

* The NHS Care Record Guarantee: <http://www.nigb.nhs.uk/pubs/nhscrg.pdf>
* The NHS Constitution: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-nhs-constitutionfor-england>
* NHS Digital’s Guide to Confidentiality in Health & Social Care gives more information on the rules around information sharing: <http://content.digital.nhs.uk/article/4979/Assuringinformation>
* Please visit the NHS Digital website for further information about their work. Information about their responsibility for collecting data from across the health and social care system can be found.
* The Information Commissioner’s Office is the Regulator for the Data Protection Act 2018 and offer independent advice and guidance on the law and personal data, including your rights and how to access your personal information. For further information please visit the www.ico.org.uk