**Walton Village Medical Centre Practice Privacy Notice**

**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 care service when appropriate.
* 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 do, for instance when we are inspected or reporting certain illnesses or safeguarding vulnerable people.
* Your data is used to check the quality of care provided by the NHS.
* We may communicate with patients by SMS messaging which you can opt out of at any time. We may ask you if you wish to do a video consultation but we will always ask your consent every time as you may wish to opt out. We also offer eConsults as a form of communication but this is patient choice.
* Walton Village Medical Centre participates in the supply of anonymised patient data to Clinical Practice Research Datalink. CPRD collects data from primary care which is provided to epidemiologists (who have licenses) who carry out public health research. CPRD is part of the Medicines and healthcare products Regulatory Agency who use the data to monitor for the safety of medicines.

For more information on how your data is used and all our privacy notices please see our display in the patient waiting area, ask our reception staff or visit our website at <http://www.waltonvillagemc.nhs.uk>