**Application for Access to GP Online Services – Things To Consider**

Before you apply for online access to your medical health record, there are some things to consider.

Although the chances of any of these things happening are very small, you will be asked that you have read and understood the following when you sign up for online services.

Forgotten history

There may be something you have forgotten about in your record that you might find upsetting.

Abnormal results or bad news

If your GP has given you access to test results or letters, you may see something that you find upsetting to you. This may occur before you have spoken to your doctor or while the surgery is closed and you cannot contact them.

Choosing to share your information with someone

It’s up to you whether you share your information with others or not – perhaps family members or carers. It’s your choice, but also your responsibility to keep the information safe and secure.

Coercion

If you think you may be pressured into revealing details from your patient record to someone else against your will, it is best that you do not register for access at this time.

Misunderstood information

Your medical record is designed to be used by clinical professionals to ensure that you receive the best possible care. Some of the information within your medical record may be highly technical, written by specialists and not easily understood. If you require further clarification, please contact the surgery for a clearer explanation.

Information about someone else

If you spot something in the record that is not about you or notice any other errors, please log out of the system immediately and contact the practice as soon as possible.

More information

For more information about keeping your healthcare records safe and secure, you will find a helpful

leaflet produced by the NHS in conjunction with the British Computer Society:

Keeping your online health and social care records safe and secure

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/thenhs/records/healthrecords/Documents/PatientGuidanceBooklet.pdf>

Proxy Access

If you are using this service to access another person’s account as a proxy (eg as a carer or parent), you have discussed appropriately what you are accessing and for what purpose. This service will be reviewed at regular intervals by the GP practice and may be rescinded at any time.

**CONSENT TO PROXY ACCESS TO GP ONLINE SERVICES (including online medical record)**

Proxy access is access to a GP online account authorised by the patient for a second person to access their GP online account. Consent must be given by the patient (all patients aged 11 and above). In the event that a patient does not have capacity to consent to proxy access and proxy access is considered by the practice to be in the patient’s best interests Section 1 of this form may be omitted. Care home staff must also complete a shared care agreement in conjunction with the practice for proxy access.

**SECTION 1 – PATIENTS AGED 11 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE AND HAVE CAPACITY TO GIVE CONSENT**

**PATIENT DETAILS:**

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| **NAME:** |
| **DATE OF BIRTH:** |
| **ADDRESS:** |
| **EMAIL ADDRESS:** |
| **CONTACT NUMBER:** |

I (name of patient)……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….……….

Give permission to my GP Practice to give the following people proxy access to the online services as indicated below in section 2:

Names of representative(s)……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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I reserve the right to reverse my decision I make in granting proxy access at any time.

I understand the risks of allowing someone else to have access to my health records.

I have read and understand the information leaflet provided by the practice.

**Signature of patient:………………………………………………………………………………………………….Date:…………………….**

**SECTION 2 – PROXY ACCESS TO BE GIVEN**

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| **1. Online appointment booking** |  |
| **2. Online prescription management**  |  |
| **3. Accessing the medical record of (name of patient)** |  |

**SECTION 3 – REPRESENTATIVES DETAILS**

*For completion by all representatives to be given proxy access,* ***including*** *parents of children aged under 11 and for representatives of patients without mental capacity.*

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| **REPRESENTATIVE 1** | **REPRESENTATIVE 2** |
| **Name:** | **Name:**  |
| **Date of Birth:** | **Date of Birth:** |
| **Are you registered at the practice Yes/No** | **Are you registered at the practice Yes/No** |
| **Relationship to patient:** | **Relationship to patient:** |
| **Contact Number:** | **Contact Number:** |

I/we (names of representatives)…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Wish to have online access to the services ticked in Section 2 above for: Name of patient)………………….………

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| 1. I/we have read and understood the patient 'Things to Consider' leaflet provided by the practice and agree that I will treat the patient information as confidential  |  |
| 2. I/we will be responsible for the security of the information that I/we see or download |  |
| 3. I/we will contact the practice as soon as possible if I/we suspect that the account has been accessed by someone without my/our agreement |  |
| 4. If I/we see information in the record that is not about the patient or is inaccurate, I/we will contact the practice as soon as possible. I will treat any information which is not about the patient as being strictly confidential |  |

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| **STATEMENTS BELOW FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED UNDER 11 AT TIME OF APPLICATION** |  |
| 1. I/we confirm that we have parental responsibility as per the child’s birth certificate having been identified as the biological parents or formal adoption has taken place. I/we understand that parental responsibility is not lost on divorce and that where more than one parent has parental responsibility each may independently exercise their right of access. |  |
| 1. I/we understand that parental proxy access (only applicable for children aged under 11) will be automatically switched off when the child reaches their 11th birthday and that the practice will contact I/us prior to the switching off date for us to discuss with our child if proxy access is consented to (child will need to complete the consent form). Children aged under 13 must not be given control of an internet service such as GP online services. |  |
| 2. I/we understand that parental proxy access for children aged between 11 and 16 will be regularly reviewed  |  |
| 3. I/we understand that on a child reaching their 16th birthday parental proxy access no longer applies |  |

**Signature(s)of representatives:………………………………………………………………………………………………………………**

**…………………………………………………………………………………………………………….Date:………………………………………...**

**PRACTICE USE ONLY – PROXY ACCESS CONSENT FORM**

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| **Patients NHS Number:** |
| **Method of Patient Verification** **Vouching** **Vouching with information in record** **Photo ID and proof of residence (copies not needed)**  | **Representatives Method of Verification:****Vouching** **Vouching with information in record** **Photo ID (copies not needed)**  |
| **Verified by (Staff Initials)** | **Date of Verification:** |
| **Proxy Access Authorised By:** | **Date:** |
| **Notes/Comments on Proxy Access:** |