

# Western Elms & Circuit Lane Newsletter

## July 2021

### Sharing Patient Data

The NHS has developed an improved way to collect patient data from general practices. This data is used every day to improve health, care and services through planning and research in England, helping to find better treatments and improve patient care. The NHS Digital GPDPR data collection will commence on 1st September. For more information, please click on the picture below to watch the brief video.



### How we keep your data secure

We take our responsibility to safeguard patient data extremely seriously. Data shared by NHS Digital is subject to strict rules around privacy, security and confidentiality and the new service has been designed to the highest standards. We do not collect patients' names or exactly where they live. Any other data that could directly identify someone, for example their NHS number, full postcode and date of birth, is pseudonymised before it leaves their GP practice. This means that this data is replaced with unique codes so patients cannot be directly identified in the data which is shared with us. The data is also securely encrypted.

### You can opt out of sharing your data

If you do not want your GP to share your identifiable patient data for purposes except for your own care, you can opt-out by registering a [Type 1 Opt-out](#). This prevents your data being shared with NHS Digital. You can also register a National Data Opt-out, which will prevent NHS Digital from sharing your identifiable patient data for planning and research purposes. Your individual care will not be affected if you opt-out using either option.



### This practice contributes to the Clinical Practice Research Datalink

Information in patient records is important for medical research to develop new treatments and test the safety of medicines. This practice supports medical research by sending some of the information from patient records to the Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD).

CPRD is a Government organisation that provides anonymised patient data for research to improve patient and public health.

You cannot be identified from the information sent to CPRD.

If you do not want anonymised information from your patient record to be used in research you can opt out by speaking to your doctor.

For more information about how your data is used visit [www.cprd.com/public](http://www.cprd.com/public)

### Use the NHS App to:

- Share your Covid-19 status / Get advice about coronavirus
- Order repeat prescriptions / Book appointments
- Get health advice / View your health record
- Register your organ donation decisions
- Find out how the NHS uses your data
- View your NHS number

July 2021, Group B Strep Awareness Month, is an annual [campaign](#) to highlight the importance of group B Strep awareness, education and research. During Group B Strep Awareness Month they aim to get as many people as possible involved in raising awareness and funds for Group B Strep education and prevention. Tragically, many families first hear about group B Strep after their baby is seriously ill with GBS meningitis, sepsis or pneumonia. You can make sure more families hear about group B Strep so they can take action to protect their newborn baby. Join them this July to raise awareness, raise money and save lives.



Group B Strep Support



Sarcoma Awareness Month runs for the [whole of July](#). Sarcomas are rare cancers that develop in the muscle, bone, nerves, cartilage, tendons, blood vessels and the fatty and fibrous tissues. To mark their tenth anniversary, they want you to join them in reflecting on the progress they have made together; celebrate the achievements; remember the people who have made and continue to make Sarcoma UK; and look to a future where everyone affected by sarcoma cancer has the treatment, care and support they need.

### Talk To Us #WeListen

Every year in July, the [Samaritans](#) branches in the UK hold local events to raise awareness that Samaritans are here to listen to anyone who's struggling to cope, at any time of the day or night.



### #GladtoCare Awareness Week, 5-11 July

2021 is a [celebration](#) to resilient care workers, following what has undeniably been a trying period for the industry. The aim is to show appreciation for the extraordinary contributions that carers make to the lives of recipients of care and reassuring families currently looking for care, and in turn resulting in improving occupancy for care providers.

### National Schizophrenia Awareness Day, 25 July

2021 shines a light on the challenges faced by hundreds of thousands of people living with a diagnosis of [schizophrenia](#) in the UK and millions more worldwide. It sets out the steps we can all take to break down the stigma and discrimination surrounding this much-misunderstood illness.



## Patient Participation Group

Do you have an hour to spare? Would you like to make a difference?



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