



EMRAD Information for patients



Northampton 
General Hospital
NHS Trust

Introduction

When you have a scan (X-ray, CT, MR, or ultrasound) in our hospitals, it is stored on an electronic system, shared with six other hospitals in the East Midlands, known as EMRAD. Access to your full scan history will enable healthcare professionals, in these other NHS hospitals in the East Midlands, to access your radiology record when necessary.

This will help you by:

- Bringing the best possible medical expertise to your case by sharing scans for review.
- Saving time by reducing delays in sharing data.
- Receiving consistent, safe and effective clinical care and treatment, irrespective of where you receive your care in the East Midlands.

This leaflet gives you information on how and why your data is shared, and how to get further details. This is part of our duty to be transparent and fair in safeguarding your records.

Which hospitals form EMRAD?

The seven hospital Trusts that form EMRAD are: Chesterfield Royal Hospital, Kettering General Hospitals, Northampton General Hospital, Nottingham University Hospitals, Sherwood Forest Hospitals, United Lincolnshire Hospitals and University Hospitals of Leicester. All seven hospitals are expected to have access to shared data from March 2016.

How is your data kept secure across these sites?

There are strict controls on who is authorised to access your data. Staff can only access the data necessary to undertake their duties. All staff using the system are trained in how to protect confidential patient data

and there are strict monitoring processes to check that everybody is conforming to the rules.

Can any other organisations access my data?

Your details will be shared with other healthcare professionals, not employed by an EMRAD Trust, but who are directly involved in your care. Examples could include your GP or community healthcare worker. You can choose to restrict this access on request (see below).

EMRAD does not share your information with any commercial company not involved in your care.

Can I decide not to share my information?

If you do not wish to have your data shared, please contact the Information Governance team on 01604 545885, dataprotectionact@ngh.nhs.uk or at Data Protection and Confidentiality Manager, The Information Governance Department, Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust, Cliftonville, Northampton, NN1 5BD.

Where can I find out more?

For further details about the Trust please contact the main switchboard on 01604 634700 or at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust, Cliftonville, Northampton, NN1 5BD.

Useful websites

www.nhs.uk

www.northamptongeneral.nhs.uk

Other information

Northampton General Hospital operates a smoke-free policy. This means that smoking is not allowed anywhere on the Trust site, this includes all buildings, grounds and car parks.

Leaflets, information, advice and support on giving up smoking and on nicotine replacement therapy are available from the local Stop Smoking helpline on 0845 6013116, the free national helpline on 0800 0224332, email: smokefree@nhft.nhs.uk and pharmacies.

Car parking at Northampton General Hospital is extremely limited and it is essential to arrive early, allowing ample time for parking. You may find it more convenient to be dropped off and collected.

This information can be provided in other languages and formats upon request including Braille, audio cassette and CD. Please contact (01604) 544516 or the Patient Advice & Liaison Service (PALS) on (01604) 545784, email: pals@ngh.nhs.uk

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