

## Connecting Care

Connecting Care is a local electronic patient record that allows health and social care professionals directly involved in your care, to share a summary of your medical record.

Your Connecting Care record will help those caring for you to manage your care better, and allow information to be shared quickly and safely.

Only authorised staff providing health services across Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset can access your record. It does not contain information about discussions you have had with your GP, or any information on sensitive subjects such as sexual health.

### **Connecting Care only shares:**

- who is involved in your care
- any allergies you have
- your medications
- recent appointments you have attended
- diagnoses

Under the Data Protection Act you are able to ask to see any information held about you. If you wish to see the health information held about you, please contact the organisation(s) providing your care.

### **How do I opt out of Connecting Care?**

Please call our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on 0800 073 0907 / 0117 947 4477, or download the opt-out form from our website [www.northsomersetccg.nhs.uk](http://www.northsomersetccg.nhs.uk) and email it to: [sarah.jenkins@swcsu.nhs.uk](mailto:sarah.jenkins@swcsu.nhs.uk).

You can also write to Connecting Care, Freepost, SWCSU

If you choose to opt out and then change your mind, simply call PALS on the numbers below.

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