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Dear patient

NHS Digital has been directed to collect, process, analyse and disseminate general practice data to support the purposes set out in the [GP Data for Planning and Research Direction 2021](#). This is a national initiative and from July 1st, 2021, patient data will be extracted from GP systems on a daily basis; data will be encrypted in transit and pseudonymised.

As this is a statutory obligation, practices are legally obliged to share this data, unless patients have opted out of having their data shared. If you as patient want to opt out of your data being shared, apart from information used for your direct care, you have the option of registering a [Type 1 Opt-out](#) or a [National Data Opt-out](#), or both.

If you wish to register your opt out choice, please use the following link:

[Make your choice about sharing data from your health records - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

You can also complete the attached form and give it to your GP practice staff.



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