

"Enriched" SCRs : core + additional information

a factsheet for patients

This factsheet is principally written for patients of GP surgeries using EMIS Web software, but similar principles will apply if your GP surgery uses one of the other clinical software systems.

You can allow your Summary Care Record (SCR) to be populated with a variety of additional information over and above the "core" dataset of medication, allergies and adverse reactions.

SCRs with additional information are known as "enriched" or "enhanced" SCRs.

Your GP may decide to offer this to you, or you can specifically request it from your GP or surgery.

How does my SCR become "enrichable"?

Your GP requires your explicit consent for this, so will either have asked you directly or you will have requested it in person. A setting (electronic flag) is changed on your GP record that permits the automatic extraction and uploading of additional information to your SCR.

Once activated, it is important to realise that your SCR will **not** remain as a core record.

Additional data (and potentially lots of it) will *immediately* be uploaded to it from your GP medical record. The overwhelming majority of additional information uploaded will be automatic, ongoing and performed in the background, with only a minority of information specifically chosen, and mutually agreed between you and your GP, to be additionally uploaded.

It is important that you understand just how much information about you will be uploaded should you give your consent to have an enriched SCR.

Will I be asked on each occasion that additional information is uploaded?

No.

The single, one-off consent to allow an "enriched" SCR is *enduring* – that is, you will almost certainly not be asked again for your explicit consent to upload additional information.

The only time that you will be asked is if you and your GP wish to upload items (such as diagnoses) that are not automatically extracted and uploaded. These are known as *manually included items*.

Enriched SCRs do not currently allow uploading of document attachments, such as care plans or hospital letters.

Is there any information in my GP record that is automatically excluded from being uploaded?

Yes.

Information falling within the "SCR Exclusion Dataset", a list of "sensitive" diagnoses and items approved by the Royal College of General Practitioners will not be automatically uploaded (though items can be, with your explicit agreement, as a *manually included item*).

You can see the information automatically excluded here:

<http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/scr/additional/rcgpexc2015apr1.xls>

This RCGP dataset *does not* exclude information related to risk, abuse, some mental health issues or many other items in your GP record, some or all of which you may not wish to share.

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So what additional information from my GP record is automatically uploaded?

All of the following is automatically uploaded:

- *Reasons for medication*

Any problem that has been linked by your GP to a medication that you have been prescribed will be displayed in your SCR with the associated medication:

Date	Medication Item	Dosage Instructions
Last Issued: 25-Mar-2015	Citalopram 20mg tablets Reason for Medication: [X]Mixed anxiety and depressive disorder Supporting Information: [Message To Patient: take as directed]	One To Be Taken Each Day

- *Active Problem items and Significant Past Problem items*

All items recorded by your GP as "Significant Active", "Minor Active" or "Significant Past" problems will be automatically uploaded to your enriched SCR.

Minor Past problems will also be automatically uploaded if the coded item forms part of an EMIS dataset or part of the HSCIC SCR inclusion dataset (see later).

Any free text or comments recorded as part of those items will also be uploaded.

This will include the majority of your important ongoing problems and significant medical history.

- *Immunisations*

All immunisations recorded in your GP record will be automatically uploaded to your enriched SCR.

- *Other defined "datasets"*

Including:

- Significant Previous Operations (with some exceptions)
- Palliative Care coordination information
- Your resuscitation status or wishes
- Additional information e.g. blood pressure, height, weight.

- *HSCIC SCR Inclusion Dataset*

Any item in your GP record included in the following list drawn up by the HSCIC (the data controller for the SCR):

<http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/scr/additional/scrinc2015apr1.xls>

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Can I, or my GP, prevent particular items from being uploaded?

No.

Well, not easily.

The vast majority of the above information will be automatically extracted and can neither be stopped from being uploaded nor deleted from the SCR.

Your GP *could* alter your GP record, which might prevent *some* information from being uploaded, but he/she is unlikely to be willing to do so (for obvious reasons).

Can I see what an "enriched" SCR would look like for me, before I decide whether to consent to it or not?

Yes.

Your GP can show you what your current, "core" SCR looks like and what a potential "enriched" SCR looks like, so that you can compare the two and see the differences. This is known as a *Local Preview*.

You can then decide whether to give your explicit consent or not.

An example of an enriched SCR can be seen here:

<http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/scr/additional/gpsummary.pdf>

Can my GP show me what my "enriched" SCR looks like, at any time?

Yes.

Your GP can show you at any time what your enriched SCR looks like, should you have agreed to have one.

You just have to ask.

Can I change my mind at any time?

Yes.

You can change your mind about having an enriched SCR at any time and revoke your consent.

You can revert back to a "core" SCR, with just medication, allergies and adverse reactions.

Or you can opt-out of the SCR completely, and have no information about you visible.

Detailed information about the Summary Care Record and other aspects of NHS Data Sharing, such as *care.data*, The Hampshire Health Record, risk stratification and other secondary uses of your information, can be found via:

www.nhsdatasharing.info