

Higham Ferrers Surgery

ONLINE ACCESS TO HEALTH RECORDS INFORMATION

The NHS wants to give people better ways to see their personal health information online.

We know that people want to be able to access their health records. It can help you see test results faster. It also lets you read and review notes from your appointments in your own time.

We're now letting you see all the information within your health record. If you are over 16 and have an online account, such as through the [NHS App](#), [NHS website](#), or other [GP online services and apps](#), you will now automatically be able to see all future information entered on your medical record. Some people can already access this feature, this won't change for you.

This means that you will be able to see records from your appointments, as well as test results and any letters that are saved on your records. This only applies to records from your doctor (GP), not from hospitals or other specialists, although you will be able to see any letters that hospitals or specialists send to your doctor (GP). You will only be able to see information from 25th October 2023.

For most people, access will be automatic, and you won't need to do anything however you may need to register for online access if you do not have this set up.

Your doctor (GP) may talk to you to discuss test results before you are able to see some of your information on the app. Your doctor (GP) may also talk to you before you are given full record access to make sure that having access is of benefit to you. If you are concerned that seeing your records is not right for you, you should speak to your practice.

These changes only apply to people with online accounts. The changes also only apply to personal information about you.

If you are a carer and would like to see information about someone you care for, speak to reception staff about having proxy access or more information can be found at - [Apply for access to another patient's GP services - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#).

If you do not want an online account, you can still access your GP health record by requesting this information via reception or by following the information at [Accessing your Records - Harborough Field Surgery](#)

The NHS App, website and other online services are all very secure. You'll need to make sure you protect your login details. Do not share your password with anyone as they will then have access to your personal information.

If you do not want to see your health record please complete the form below or if you would like more information about these changes, please speak to your GP or reception staff. You can also read more by going to www.nhs.uk/gp-record.

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OPT OUT TO HAVE ONLINE ACCESS TO HEALTH RECORDS

Surname		Former name	
Forename		Title	
Date of birth		Address:	
Telephone number		Postcode:	
NHS number (if known)		Hospital number (if known)	

I decline to have any access to my medical records online and both understand and agree with each of the following statements (tick):

I have read and understood the information leaflet provided by the organisation and wish to opt out of having an online account where I can access my health records	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand that I can contact my surgery if I change my mind to have access in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>

Patient signature		Date	
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For GP Practice Use Only

Date Received		Taken in by:	
Online account closed by:		Date account closed:	
Online Access to own health care record declined by patient code added to records:			
Opt out form sent for scanning (date and initials):			