

ROTHWELL & DESBOROUGH HEALTHCARE GROUP

NHS DIGITAL PRIVACY NOTICE

NHS Digital is the secure haven* for NHS patient data, a single secure repository where data collected from all branches of the NHS is processed. NHS Digital provides reports on the performance of the NHS, statistical information, audits and patient outcomes (<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information>).

Examples of patient data include; A&E and outpatient waiting times, the numbers of staff in the NHS, percentage target achievements, payments to GPs etc. and more specific targeted data collections and reports such as the Female Genital Mutilation, general practice appointments data and English National Diabetes Audits.

GPs are required by the Health and Social Care Act to provide NHS Digital with information when instructed. This is a legal obligation which overrides any patient wishes. These instructions are called "Directions". More information on the directions placed on GPs can be found at <https://digital.nhs.uk/article/8059/NHS-England-Directions> and www.nhsdatasharing.info

1) Data Controller contact details	The Partners Desborough Surgery 35 High Street Desborough Kettering Northamptonshire NN14 2NB
2) Data Protection Officer contact details	Dr Anand Pattar Desborough Surgery 35 High Street Desborough Kettering Northamptonshire NN14 2NB
3) Purpose of the processing	To provide the Secretary of State and others with information and reports on the status, activity and performance of the NHS.
4) Lawful basis for processing	The lawful basis is supported under the following Article 6 and 9 conditions of the GDPR Article 6(1)(c) "processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject." Article 9(2)(i) "processing is necessary for reasons of public interest in the area of public health, such as protecting against serious cross-border threats to health or ensuring high standards of quality and safety of health care and of medicinal products or medical devices,..."
5) Recipient or categories of recipients of the processed data	The data will be shared with NHS Digital according to directions which can be found at https://digital.nhs.uk/article/8059/NHS-England-Directions

6) Rights to object	You have the right to object to some or all of the information being shared with NHS Digital. Contact the Data Controller or the practice. For more information on your opt-out choices visit https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out
7) Right to access and correct	You have the right to access the data that is being shared and have any inaccuracies corrected. There is no right to have accurate medical records deleted except when ordered by a court of Law.
8) Retention period	The data will be retained for active use during the processing and thereafter according to NHS Policies and the law.
9) Right to Complain.	<p>You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioners Office (responsible for governing Data Protection compliance) –</p> <p>Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF</p> <p>Tel 01625 545745 or www.ico.org.uk/</p>

* The BMA has serious concerns regarding the status of NHS Digital as a “safe haven” and is not confident it has acted as a secure repository for patient data. See (https://www.bma.org.uk/-/media/files/pdfs/collective%20voice/influence/uk%20governments/bma-submission-to-hoc-health-cttee-on-the-mou_final.pdf?la=en)