

# HELPING TO CARE FOR YOU IN AN EMERGENCY



## What is a **Summary Care Record** ?

A **SECURE** copy of key information from the GP record held on Spine.

- ✓ **Updated** in real time and can only be viewed with **consent** by **authorised healthcare professionals**

Includes:

- ✓ **Current and repeat medications**
- ✓ Any **allergies** you suffer from
- ✓ Any **bad reactions** to medications that you have previously experienced

★ **EVERYONE** has an SCR unless they have chosen not to - ★  
currently the opt-out rate is no higher than 1.4% nationally

## BENEFITS OF **SCR** + ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There are many **benefits to you** and your Doctors Surgery if you **consent** to additional information being added to your Summary Care Record (SCR)

- ✓ **Help respond to winter pressures** – additional information in the SCR can increase the ability of urgent and emergency care clinicians to make informed clinical decisions.
- ✓ **Increase efficiency and effectiveness** through more integrated care and reducing time and effort needed when communicating between care settings and when assessing patients.
- ✓ **Increase patient safety** by providing access to accurate information such as medical history.
- ✓ **Patient empowerment** – increased satisfaction as patients can make their preferences available. **Avoid time consuming questions and repeating yourself.**
- ✓ **Empower health professionals** by providing accurate information and enabling clinicians to make informed decisions when treating patients and planning care.
- ✓ **Improve quality of patient care** – improving the quality of patient care through use of patient preferences and overcoming communication barriers, such as for patients with dementia and those who do not speak English.

**GIVE US YOUR PERMISSION & OPT IN NOW**

**FILL IN THE SLIP PROVIDED**