



Plain English explanation

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 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](https://digital.nhs.uk/article/8059/NHS-England-Directions-and-www.nhsdatasharing.info).

We are required by Articles in the UK GDPR to provide you with the information in the following 9 subsections:

1) Data Controller contact details	Eleanor Cross Healthcare Delapre Medical Centre Gloucester Ave Northampton NN4 8QF
2) Data Protection Officer contact details	Hayley Gidman Midlands and Lancashire CSU FAO: Delapre Medical Centre Gloucester Avenue Northampton NN4 8QF
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 processing of personal data is supported under the Article 6 and 9 conditions of the UK GDPR:

	<p><i>Article 6(1)(c) 'processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject'.</i></p> <p><i>Article 9(2)(h) "processing is necessary for the purposes of preventive or occupational medicine, for the assessment of the working capacity of the employee, medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services '.</i></p>
5) Recipient or categories of recipients of the shared 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) Right to object	<p>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.</p> <p>You should be aware that this is a right to raise an objection. That is not the same as having an absolute right to have your wishes granted in every circumstance.</p>
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	You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office, you can use this link https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/ or call their helpline tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate).