

## *This practice is contributing to the IQVIA Medical Research Extraction Scheme (MRES)*

The staff at this practice record information about you and your health so that you can receive the right care and treatment. We need to record this information, together with the details of the care you receive, because it may be needed if we see you again.

We may use some of this information for other reasons, for example, to help us to protect the health of the general public, to plan for the future, to train staff and to carry out medical and other health research to drive healthcare forwards and improve patient outcomes.

We are currently involved in a research and patient insights programme called the IQVIA Medical Research Extraction Scheme for which we provide non-identified information from patients' electronic medical records. The data collected is non-identified which means it DOES NOT include any direct patient identifiers such as names, addresses, NHS numbers, or full dates of birth, nor any direct identifiers of practices participating in this data extraction scheme. Individual patients' records are added into a much larger non-identified database, containing records from millions of patients across the UK and may be linked to other data, such as hospital data.

The company, whose database we contribute non-identifiable records to, is IQVIA Solutions UK Ltd<sup>1</sup> (IQVIA). IQVIA is a company outside the NHS which does not have access to your personal details, only to non-identified medical records. The database is used by researchers outside this practice for scientifically approved research into such topics as: Epidemiology & Pharmacoepidemiology, Drug Safety & Risk Management, Public Health Research, Drug Utilisation Studies, Outcomes Research and Health Economics Research / Resource Utilisation. Additionally, the data is used for treatment analysis, to provide insights into patient, disease and prescribing profiles.

These studies may be performed by academic researchers or commercial companies amongst others. However, no researcher has access to any of your personal details such as your NHS number, name and address, initials or your full date of birth. The researchers are not given information about the GP such as the practice name, address or post code.

If anything to do with the research would require that you provide additional information about yourself, you may be contacted via your GP to see if you are willing to take part: you will not be identified in any published results.

If you would like to opt out of this Medical Research Extraction Scheme, please let your doctor know, and no data from your records will be collected for use in research. This will not affect your care in any way.

For a list of published IQVIA research please go to; <http://www.rwebibliography.com/>

For more information on how your data is used visit

<https://www.iqvia.com/locations/uk-and-ireland/medical-research-data>

Note that you have a right of access to your health records. If at any time you would like to know more, or have any concerns about how we use your information, you can speak to **'SAM RASIB'**  
Telephone number: **01543 576660**