

Belford Medical Practice Privacy Notice

How we use your medical records

Important information for patients

- This practice handles medical records in-line with laws on data protection and confidentiality.
- When providing you with information about results and services, we use letter, telephone and text services to get in contact-if you would prefer not to be contacted in a certain way, please let us know.
- We share medical records with those who are involved in providing you with care and treatment.
- In some circumstances we will also share medical records for medical research, for example to find out more about why people get ill.
- We share information when the law requires us to do so, for example, to prevent infectious diseases from spreading or to check the care being provided to you is safe.
- You have the right to be given a copy of your medical record.
- You have the right to object to your medical records being shared with those who provide you with care.
- You have the right to object to your information being used for medical research and to plan health services.
- You have the right to have any mistakes corrected and to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office. Please see the practice privacy notice on the website or speak to a member of staff for more information about your rights.

- For more information ask at reception OR visit our website [Belford Medical Practice - Home page](#)

- The practice may share your information with other practices within the PCN to provide you with your care and treatment, and improve the quality of services provided to our patients. The objective of primary care networks (PCNs) is to group practices together to create more collaborative workforces which ease the pressure of GP's, leaving them better able to focus on patient care. Primary Care Networks form a key building block of the NHS long-term plan.

- **General Practice Data for Planning and Research:**