

## **CLIFTON MEDICAL PRACTICE INFORMATION SHARING**

Dear Patient

From time to time it is helpful for us to be able to share information about your health and care requirements with other health organisations that are responsible for providing you with healthcare. Across Nottinghamshire we are introducing a new system called MIG (Medical Interoperability Gateway) which will enable us to make relevant medical information available from your GP record with other healthcare professionals who are providing you with direct care. The MIG allows for relevant information to be viewed by other healthcare professionals, however before your information is accessed you will be asked for your explicit consent. Examples of organisations that may access your GP health information include NEMS Out of Hours team, walk in centres and local A&E departments.

Sharing of information in this way is designed to ensure that the healthcare professionals looking after you have the most relevant information to enable them to provide you with the most appropriate care. The type of information shared is restricted and includes a summary of current problems, current medication, allergies, recent tests, diagnosis, procedures, investigations, risks and warnings – all this information is currently held in your GP system record.

We have automatically set up the sharing facility to allow your information to be made available via the MIG. Whenever a clinician from another healthcare organisation wishes to view your GP information via the MIG they will always seek your permission before doing so; if you say “NO” they will not be able to see any information and no data will be made viewable via the MIG.

If you have any concerns about the sharing of your information or do not want your information being made available via the MIG please speak to the practice manager who can advise accordingly.

Yours sincerely

Clifton Medical Practice