**Connecting Care and Summary Care Record**

This is a brief summary of the differences between the Connecting Care local record (Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset) and the national Summary Care Record (SCR).

|  | **Connecting Care** | **Summary Care Record (SCR)** | |
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| ***Core data set*** | ***Additional Information (AI)*** |
| **Local / National?** | **LOCAL** | **NATIONAL** | **NATIONAL** |
| **Purpose?** | To provide a shared local patient-centric record to support direct patient care and local care co-ordination. | To provide an emergency care summary that can be accessed in a number of health settings from anywhere in England. All patients nationally will have access to SCR Core, unless they have specifically opted out.  As of Sept 2015 95% of patients have a SCR Core record available  SCRs can also contain Additional Information (AI) over and above the core dataset, only if a patient has given consent to their GP will their SCR AI Information be made available. | |
| **What does it include?** | * A summary from the GP record including appointments, diagnoses, medications, allergies and immunisations * Information about contacts with out of hours, hospital, community, social care and mental health * Information about End of Life wishes * ‘Practice inpatients ’ view for GPs * More projects will add to this in the future e.g. safeguarding for children information and personal health records | * Medication * Allergies * Adverse reactions | * Reason for medication * Significant medical history (past and present) * Significant procedures (past and present) * Anticipatory care information – such as information about the management of long term conditions * Communication preferences * End of life care information * Immunisations |
| **Who can access?** | Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Health and Social Care | Nationally – Hospitals, Out of Hours Services, Ambulance Trusts. Community Pharmacies | Nationally - Hospitals and Out of Services, Ambulance Trusts, Community Pharmacies |
| **Can patients opt out?** | Yes. Patients can opt out  Opt out forms completed at or received by a practice should be returned to **Connecting Care, FREEPOST SWCSU**  Patients can opt in and opt out at any time | Yes. Patients can opt out  The patient needs to inform their GP practice by completing an opt out form. | Patients need to OPT IN  A patient will only have additional information uploaded if explicit consent is given. |
| **How is patient opt out recorded?** | This is done within Connecting Care. | This is done by using the read code 9Ndo within EMIS. | N/A - Explicit consent is required |
| **How is GP information uploaded?** | Patients of practices who have signed the Connecting Care Data Sharing Agreement records will be available to view – no further action is required | Unless a patient has opted out their information will automatically be uploaded to SCR. | Once consent has been given, additional information can be automatically added by selecting the option. ‘Express consent for medication, allergies, adverse reactions AND additional information' in EMIS |
| **For further information** | [Connecting.Care@swcsu.nhs.uk](mailto:Connecting.Care@swcsu.nhs.uk) | <http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/scr> | <http://systems.hscic.gov.uk/scr/additional> |