

**What if I don't want to share my medical record with Royal Lancaster Infirmary or Baycall?**

Your GP Practice can prevent your record from being viewed by anyone else, if that is your express wish. You need to contact the surgery and they will make a note in your records. This will prevent anyone outside the GP Practice being able to access your records.

It is important to understand that if you have already told your GP practice that you do not want to let your hospital see your medical records, you cannot change your mind later at the hospital, even in an emergency. Your decision can only be changed by your GP practice if you tell them that you have changed your mind. They will probably ask you to write to them.

If you have not made arrangements with your GP to block access, then when you visit A&E, or are treated by Baycall, you will be asked by the clinician if he/she can look at your medical records (if he/she feels that this will contribute to your care) and you will have the choice to agree or refuse at that point.