

Request for access to: Health Records & Radiology Images
held by the Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust under the:
DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018

IF YOU ARE THE PATIENT APPLYING TO SEE YOUR OWN RECORD/IMAGES YOU SHOULD COMPLETE SECTIONS 1, 3, 4, 6 & 7, AND PROVIDE THE DOCUMENTATION REQUESTED IN SECTION 6

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR ACCESS TO SOMEONE ELSE'S RECORD/IMAGES YOU SHOULD COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THE FORM AND PROVIDE THE DOCUMENTATION REQUESTED IN SECTION 6

1 DETAILS OF PATIENT RECORD REQUIRED: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms

Surname..... Forename(s).....

Address.....

.....Postcode

Daytime telephone number..... Date of Birth.....

If the name or address has changed since attendance at hospital, please give details below:

Previous name.....

Previous address.....

Hospital/NHS number (if known).....

Record requested in respect of treatment for.....
(Please state condition/illness if known)

..... on/during.....
(Please state month/year if possible)

2 DETAILS OF APPLICANT

Please complete this section if you are **NOT** the patient as detailed above in section 1

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms

Surname..... Forename(s).....

Address.....

..... Daytime telephone number

3 PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOU ARE REQUESTING

COPIES OF THE HOSPITAL CASENOTE ONLY

COPIES OF RADIOLOGY IMAGES ONLY COPY OF RADIOLOGY REPORTS

COPIES OF BOTH THE HOSPITAL CASENOTE AND RADIOLOGY IMAGES

* Radiology Images are only available on encrypted disc, please note these do not work on a MAC pc

* Radiology reports are not released until 30 days after the event is reported.

4 DECLARATION:

I declare that the information given by me on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and that I am entitled to apply for access to the health record detailed in Section 1 under the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018.

I am: *(please delete as applicable)*

1. The patient referred to in Section 1
2. The person who has been asked to act on the patient’s behalf, by the patient, who has signed section 5 below
3. The parent OR acting in loco parentis to the patient who is under 16
4. The person who is acting on the patient’s behalf, as the patient is incapable of making or understanding the request. **Legal documentation must be provided in this instance.**

Signed..... Date.....

5 AUTHORISATION

This section should be completed and signed by the patient, to authorize the person identified in Section 2 to act on their behalf.

I hereby authorize the Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust to release the requested information held on my health to the person named in section 2.

Signed:.....

6 DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:

- Patients requesting access please provide a **copy** of one of the following to confirm your identity: **Driving Licence** **Passport** **Birth Certificate**
- A person who is acting on the patient’s behalf, please provide a **copy** of one of the following for BOTH yourself AND the patient

Driving Licence **Passport** **Birth Certificate**
- The person who is acting on behalf of a patient who is incapable of making or understanding the request, please provide: **A Certified copy of the Power of Attorney**

7 ACCESSING OPTIONS FOR CASENOTES: *Please choose one option only:*

Please note that all copies of notes will be provided on an encrypted CD unless you state otherwise.

- I would like an encrypted CD sent to my home address
- I would like to personally collect the encrypted CD
- I would like to attend the hospital to view the original casenotes
- I would like paper copies of my original casenotes

**PLEASE NOTE THAT UNDER THE DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018, THE TRUST HAS A MAXIMUM OF 1 CALENDAR MONTH TO COMPLETE YOUR REQUEST
WHEN COMPLETE, THIS APPLICATION FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:
Information Governance Support Team, Area Q, Level 1,
Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital (Wonford), Barrack Road, Exeter, EX2 5DW.**

DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018

A Guide for Applicants

WHAT DOES THE ACT MEAN FOR YOU?

The Data Protection Act 2018 came into force on 23rd May 2018. It sets rules for processing personal information and applies to some paper records as well as those held on computers. The Data Protection Act works in two ways. It gives you certain rights. It also states that those who record and use personal information must be open about how the information is used and must follow the principles of “good information handling”.

DEFINITIONS

Personal Data – data which relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data, or from that data and other information which is in the possession of or is likely to come into the possession of the data controller.

Health Record – this applies to all health records relating to the physical or mental health of an individual and which has been made by, or on behalf of a health professional in connection with the care of an individual.

Health Professional – includes a registered medical practitioner, a registered nurse or midwife and professions allied to medicine, e.g. physiotherapists, occupational therapists etc.

Data Subject – an individual who is the subject of personal data.

Data Controller – the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR ACCESS?

You, the data subject. Should a parent/guardian wish to apply on behalf of their child, access will be granted by the health professional in charge of the clinical care, if deemed in the best interest of the child.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

- Your request must be made in writing either by detailed letter or preferably using the ‘Request for access to: Health Records’ application form.
- You will be asked to indicate what data you require, e.g. specific illness, attendance or specialty.
- You must supply a photocopy of one of the following to confirm your identity: driving licence, passport or birth certificate. If you are requesting the health record on behalf of the data subject, you will need their signed permission and must provide copies of identification for both yourself and the data subject. If you are acting on behalf of a patient who is incapable of making or understanding the request, a certified copy of the Power of Attorney is required.
- You can ask to either attend the hospital to view the original record or request to receive copies.

It will be up to the health professional concerned (doctor, dentist, nurse, physiotherapist, etc) to decide whether full access to the entries may be given to you.

EXCEPTIONS

Access will not be given in the following circumstances:

- Where the holder of the record is not satisfied that the applicant is acting with the patient’s permission.
- Where the health professional concerned believes that access would cause serious harm to the physical or mental health of the patient (or any other individual).

- Where the information in the record relates to another person or was provided by another person, who is not the applicant but who may be identified from the record.

EXPLANATIONS AND COPIES

When you have accessed your record you will be able to request further information by way of an explanation of the entries, by an appropriate health professional. If you choose to attend the hospital to view the records, you will also be able to request copies of the entries you have seen. The Trust does not permit the original records to leave the hospital for viewing.

INACCURATE ENTRIES

Following access, a data subject/representative may request that a correction is made to an entry; this application must be made in writing. If the holder of the record (in conjunction with the health professional/manager concerned) is satisfied that the information is inaccurate, then a correction may be made, but the original entry will not be obliterated. If the holder is not satisfied that the information is inaccurate, then a note will be made in the record to show the applicant's view of the matter alongside the entry concerned.

INFORMAL ACCESS

You may verbally or informally request access to your record at any time from the health professional concerned. This may be during your time as an inpatient or as an outpatient. You will, however, only be permitted to access the records relevant to the health professional in charge of your care at that time. Having made your request, it is for the health professional concerned to decide whether or not viewing of the record at that time would be appropriate or viable.

PLEASE NOTE

Copies of X-ray images are provided on disc only – please note that these discs will not work on a MAC pc.

If you request copies of Radiology reports these are not released until 30 days after the event has been reported.

You must state clearly on the form whether or not you wish to have copies of your Health Record, Radiology Images or both.

Under the Data Protection Act 2018 the Trust has one calendar month to comply with the request.