



Our ref: **NIC-363485-C3Q1S**

**30<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Dear Dr Bhatia,

**Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000**

I can confirm that the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) has considered your request dated the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

Thank you for your enquiry, I will respond to each of your questions below:

1. *Please could you tell me the total number of people across England that have opted out of having a Summary Care Record (i.e. not created in the first place or subsequently "blanked", by requesting the 9Ndo / XaXj6 read code to be added to their GP record)?*

The HSCIC does not continually monitor this particular level of information since the most complete data relating to this status is held locally in GP systems where patients are registered which we do not have routine access to. We do however monitor the 'opt out' rate per practice as and when GP practices implement SCR for the first time. Based on the information we have obtained as part of this process, as of 29/06/2015, we estimate that 536,597 patients have opted out of SCR. Naturally this number will change on a regular basis.

2. *Please could you tell me whether there are any secondary uses whatsoever of the Summary Care Record clinical data uploaded to the HSCIC, irrespective of whether that data is processed and distributed in anonymous, pseudonymous or clearly identifiable formats?*

There are no secondary uses of Summary Care Record clinical data.

3. *If uploaded SCR clinical data is processed for secondary uses, please could you describe the purposes for that processing and the organisations that such data is disseminated to?*

Not applicable please see above

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the HSCIC website.

I hope you understand the reasons why we are unable to supply the information requested. However, if you are not satisfied, you may request a review from a suitably qualified member of staff not involved in the initial query, via the [enquiries@hscic.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@hscic.gov.uk) e mail address or by post at the above postal address.

Yours sincerely,

**Erin Francis Long**  
**Information Governance Officer**

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