

Risk Stratification Using Patient Information

What is it?

Risk Stratification is a tool to identify patients who are at risk of serious illness leading to hospital admissions. It has been produced to help GPs identify patients who may need more care and support in their treatment. The tool uses information from medical records to identify people who are at risk of health problems. This tool will improve safety and allow your GP to make more informed decisions about your health care. For example the system would make your GP aware of recurrent attendances related to your COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), they can carry out further monitoring to ensure that you have the best care plan in place.

What does it mean to me?

Information from your record (only your NHS number and postcode will be used as identifiers) will be sent to a local Wirral secure system, where it is linked with hospital information if you have visited recently. Your personal information **can only be seen** by those caring for you in your own GP practice. Anonymised information (which cannot identify you as an individual) may be used outside your practice by your local NHS to plan future services and improve patient experience.

**Your decision—
Your choice**

Please note: This information is for local use only and is **NOT** the same as the Summary Care Record which is a nationally shared record.

- ✓ If you are happy for your information to be shared using the Risk Stratification tool you do not have to do anything.
- ✗ If you **DO NOT** want your records to be used for Risk Stratification locally please make your practice aware and they can make the necessary arrangements.

Please Note: If you have previously opted out of information sharing and wish to take part in the risk stratification then please let your practice know. If you have opted out of record-sharing initiatives previously this is already recorded and you do not need to contact the practice.

