

Data use in primary care

- GPs deal with a whole range of health problems. They also provide health education, offer advice on smoking and diet, run clinics, give vaccinations and carry out simple surgical operations.
- GPs usually work in practices as part of a team, which includes nurses, healthcare assistants, practice managers, receptionists and other staff. Practices also work closely with other healthcare professionals, such as health visitors, midwives, mental health services and social care services.

Benefits	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Joined-up health and care information means safer, more efficient and effective care for my patients- It means we have a whole picture of a person's health and care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- As data controllers, GPs are custodians of our patients' data- There's therefore a risk of GPs personal liability if data is inaccurate or ends up in the wrong hands
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Less time is spent chasing up information from other health and care providers, e.g. hospitals, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- I need to know that this is what my patients want