

## **Why is information shared about me when I am referred?**

Your practice or another of the organisations that currently provides care for you has identified that you would benefit from a referral.

When you are referred for care it is important to share relevant information about you and the reasons for your referral in order to ensure that your care is appropriate, safe and that it can be provided effectively.

This information may include details of visits to your GP, from a social care practitioner or to your local hospital. The information will only ever be discussed for the benefit of your health and social care needs and where appropriate to the management of your long term health.

All information shared with other organisations and professionals will be retained by them in line with NHS and Social Care record keeping guidance and best practice.

Care provider organisations will always be registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC).