

Using patient information

We are a member practice of Oldham Clinical Commissioning Group, which will be the organisation responsible for deciding how around £312m of taxpayers' money is spent on Oldham people from April 2013. You can find out more about Oldham CCG at www.oldham.nhs.uk/ccg

Sometimes information about you, as a patient, will be used within the NHS to help us improve the care and services you receive. Information about patients can help us to:

- Protect your health, for example by assessing trends in illness
- Provide training and teaching for our staff
- Manage and plan the NHS for your benefit, for example by making sure services continue to meet your needs
- Prepare statistics on how well we are performing and how busy we are, which in turn ensures we can meet your needs.

As a member practice we wholeheartedly support these aims. Therefore, we need to share information about the care we provide to you, as our patients, with Oldham Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body. This is a committee of clinicians and practice staff that are responsible for making decisions about local health services.

By sharing this information we can identify areas for improvement, by comparing what we do with other practices. We will be able to identify individuals who may be at a particularly high risk of being admitted to hospital, so we can support them and help prevent this happening.

We would like to reassure you this information will be shared in a safe and secure way and will be used in the strictest confidence. If you have any concerns, or any questions about how the data is being used, you should contact Ann Galbraith – Practice Manager.