**[Insert Name of Practice] & NHS Grampian**

**Information Governance – Data Protection**

**Social Prescribing Project**

**What is happening and how is my data being used?**

[Insert name of GP Practice] are referring patients to a link worker service to identify appropriate third sector agency to provide appropriate service needs known as social prescribing.

Social prescribing is a health pathway that enables GPs and other primary care professionals to refer patients with psychosocial challenges to non-clinical support and activities within their local community.

If you choose to accept a social prescribing referral, your name and contact details and some relevant information relating to the referral will be shared with a Link Worker in [Insert name of organisation/dept delivering the GP Link Worker Programme]. The link worker will work with you to capture relevant information for your referral to a third sector agency to support you with your non-clinical support needs.

The Agencies we will be referring to are:-

[Insert the names of the third sector organisations signed-up to part of the social prescribing project]

If you do not wish to accept a referral you can self-refer to the above agencies.

**Personal data and Special categories of personal data**

This will include your full name, DOB, CHI, contact details such as, home address, telephone numbers and email addresses to identify you and also for the link worker and agency to contact you regarding your referral. We will also include information relevant to your referral such as necessary medical history, family or personal history, financial concerns or any other matters which you may require support for.

**Data controller**

The GP Partners are the data controllers for the data to be shared with the Health Board and Agency.

Personal data which the Practice is data controller for, is retained in the same way as the other medical information we hold about you.

For further information please refer to the link below for the Practice’s overarching Privacy Notice – [Insert GP Practice Privacy Notice]

Please see the link for GP Link Worker Programme privacy notice - [Insert Link Worker Programme Privacy Notice]

Please see the following link for NHS Grampian’s overarching privacy notice - [NHS Grampian’s Privacy Notice](https://www.nhsgrampian.org/about-us/data-protection/)

NHS Inform also provides information how NHS Scotland uses and retains your data; please see the link below:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/care-support-and-rights/health-rights/confidentiality-and-data-protection/how-the-nhs-handles-your-personal-health-information>

Data shared between the Practice and NHS Grampian is also by a Joint Data Controller Agreement between GP Practices and the Health Board.

A specific Information Sharing Agreement has been put in place to document the sharing of personal data by the Practice, NHS Grampian and the Agencies we are working with for this project.

**Lawful processing**

We assert that it is lawful for us to process your personal data in this way as:

* processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller;

We assert that it is lawful for us to process special categories of your personal data in this way as:

* processing is necessary for the purposes of preventive or occupational medicine, for the assessment of the working capacity of the employee, medical diagnosis, the provision of health or social care or treatment or the management of health or social care systems and services on the basis of Union or Member State law or pursuant to contract with a health professional and subject to the conditions and safeguards … ;

**Your rights**

We respect your rights and preferences in relation to your data. If you wish to update, access, erase, limit, or complain about the use of your information, please let us know by [email](mailto:nhsg.infogovernance@nhs.net)ing [Insert GP Practice Point of Contact Email Address] in the first instance and we will consider your questions. You may also wish to contact the [Health Board](mailto:Health%20Board) at [gram.dpo@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.dpo@nhs.scot) under which your care is being delivered or the [Information Commissioner’s Office](http://www.ico.org.uk). The Information Commissioner’s Office is the regulator for data protection matters in the UK.

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