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Dear PCT colleagues,

As you may be aware, two reviews into the Summary Care Record programme have now concluded. The reviews incorporated two elements: the content of the Summary Care Record and the information which patients receive and the process by which they express their consent preferences. The report is available at www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/newsroom/news/valueofscr.

One of the key recommendations is **that any information added to a patient's Summary Care Record over and above the core information of medications, allergies and adverse reactions, should only be done with the explicit consent of the patient.** This letter is to draw your attention to this recommendation.

If you believe that there are practices within your PCT who have added more than core information to patient Summary Care Records it is essential that patient consent is confirmed for that additional information to be retained in the Record.

Should a patient not have provided their explicit consent, SHAs and PCTs are advised to work with GP Practices to either amend the SCR to hold only core information or gain explicit consent from each patient for that additional information to be held. Practices should be provided with appropriate support to do this as quickly as possible

Support is available for this and if you require any further advice or guidance please do not hesitate to contact your National Implementation Manager as per the contacts below or contact me directly at caroline.tait@nhs.net.

Yours Sincerely



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