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Privacy Notices – An Information Leaflet for Patients

What is a privacy notice? A privacy notice helps your doctor's surgery tell you how it uses information it has about you, like your name, address, date of birth and all of the notes the doctor or nurse makes about you in your healthcare record. **Why do we need one?** Your doctor's surgery needs a privacy notice to make sure it meets the legal requirements which are written in a new document called the General Data Protection Regulation (or GDPR for short). **What is the GDPR?** The GDPR is a law that helps organisations keep the information about you secure. It will be introduced on the 25th May 2018, making sure that your doctor, nurse and any other staff at the practice follow the rules and keep your information safe. There are high fines for organisations that do not comply with the new law. **Where can I read the privacy notice?** We are trying to let patients know that this new document is available for them to read. We have put a copy of our privacy notice on our website