

## **Covid 19 and your information – Updated 23 August 2022**

As from 1 July 2022 in response to COVID-19 the health and social care system will need to continue to take action to manage and mitigate the spread and impact of the outbreak. Under Regulation 3(4) of COPI, to:

- GP practices in England, whose IT systems are supplied by The Phoenix Partnership (TPP) or Egton Medical Information Systems (EMIS)

To process data for purposes set out in Regulation 3(1) of COPI.

Organisations are only required to process such confidential patient information:

- Where the confidential patient information to be processed is required for a COVID-19 Purpose and will be processed solely for that COVID-19 Purpose in accordance with Regulation 7 of COPI
- From the date of this Notice until 31 October 2022

A COVID-19 Purpose includes but is not limited to the following:

- Understanding COVID-19 and risks to public health, trends, controlling and preventing the spread of COVID-19
- Processing to support the NHS Test and Trace programme
- Identifying and understanding information about patients or potential patients with or at risk of COVID-19, information about incidents of patient exposure to COVID-19 and the management of patients with or at risk of COVID-19 including: locating, contacting, screening, flagging and monitoring such patients and collecting information about and providing services in relation to testing.
- Understanding information about patient access to health services and adult social care services and the need for wider care of patients and vulnerable groups as a direct or indirect result of COVID-19 and the availability and capacity of those services or that care
- Monitoring and managing the response to COVID-19 by health and social care bodies and the Government including providing information to the public about COVID-19 and its effectiveness and information about capacity, medicines, equipment, supplies, services and the workforce within the health services and adult social care services
- Delivering services to patients, clinicians, the health services and adult social care services workforce and the public about and in connection with COVID-19, including the provision of information, fit notes and the provision of health care and adult social care services
- Research and planning in relation to COVID-19