

COVID-19 Privacy Notice for Frimley CCG

The health and social care system is facing significant pressures due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Health and care information is essential to deliver care to individuals, to support health and social care services and to protect public health. Information will also be vital in researching, monitoring, tracking and managing the outbreak. In the current emergency it has become even more important to share health and care information across relevant organisations.

Extremely Vulnerable Persons Service

The government is collecting information across England on people who are extremely vulnerable in relation to the COVID-19 virus who have been directed to stay at home and who need support with essential tasks such as getting food and medicine and accessing health and care services and support.

The government is sharing this information with the NHS Frimley CCG for the delivery of the extremely vulnerable person's service as tasked by government in order to:

- facilitate the health and wellbeing of people who are extremely vulnerable
- ensure they can obtain essential supplies
- enable access to medical, health and mental health support

The legal basis for the CCG to process is provided by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Article 6 (1) (e) Public Task.

The CCG is relying on GDPR Article 9(2) (a) and the Data Protection Act 2018 to process special category (sensitive) personal information such as health information.

Please note that the information being shared under Covid-19 directions is for the provision of direct patient care and will not be used by the CCG for commissioning purposes.

For further information on how the CCG processes and shares information or requests for access to personal information please refer to the CCG's Fair Process Notice which can be accessed via the following link:

[Link for Frimley CCG fair Processing Notice pages]

Further information on the shielded patient list is published by NHS England and NHS Digital – please be aware that the guidance is subject to regular review, amendment and update:

https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/20200403-Clinician-FAQs-v_FINAL.pdf

and

<https://digital.nhs.uk/coronavirus/shielded-patient-list/>

Guidance for patients is published on NHS.uk:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/advice-for-people-at-high-risk/>

Patients should also register themselves on the gov.uk website if they need extra help and support:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable>

ICO information regarding your personal data during the coronavirus pandemic is available from the ICO website:

<https://ico.org.uk/global/data-protection-and-coronavirus-information-hub/>

This notice applies only whilst the Covid-19 – Notice under Regulation 3(4) of the Health Service Control of Patient Information (COPI) Regulations 2002 remains in place. Details of the extension of the COPI notice can be found here:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid19-response-information-governance-hub/control-of-patient-information-copi-notice>