



The Integrated Care Record and what it means for you

Starting from December, the Council will be joining the NHS in a project called the **Integrated Care Record (ICR)**.

You may have already heard about it from health and social care staff. If you haven't, the ICR in its simplest form is a digital information sharing system that allows health and social care staff to access important information in your records.

If you've ever been admitted to hospital or had an appointment with a specialist and had to talk about your condition or illness a second, third or fourth time to various people, the ICR simplifies the communication chain.

It does this by sharing information across the local NHS system and giving professionals who carry out care for you, access to your records from each of the different NHS organisations. If you are receiving care and support from Adult Social Care, the ICR will also share important information between us and the NHS so that we can work together more effectively.

All staff must follow the law on keeping your information confidential. Each time they look at your records this will be recorded to make sure they're only looking at the right information, for the right reasons.

For more information, please go to the NHS webpage <https://www.happyhealthylives.uk/integrated-care-record/>