

Exeter Vascular

How Exeter Vascular uses and protects your data

Overview

In order for Mr Birchley to undertake a thorough assessment of your condition, it is vital that he is able to take accurate details of your previous medical history. During your consultation, this information will be collected from you and securely stored for the purpose of providing and recording your health care and for informing decisions about any necessary treatment you require.

Your information is stored within paper files held at the Nuffield Hospital and as electronic data by Mr Birchley on secure devices.

During your consultation, you will be asked for your consent to:

- Receiving correspondence by email or post (if preferred)
- Mr Birchley writing to your GP, where necessary
- Mr Birchley taking and storing images for your securely held records, where necessary

Electronic Storage

Secure electronic storage allows Mr Birchley to access your records at all times in order to provide you with the best possible care, and to efficiently respond to any requests or questions which you or your GP may have. Mr Birchley makes himself available for communication by email seven days a week.

Your data is stored:

- Within a secure password-protected electronic filing system
- Within a secure password-protected Cloud system

Devices used to access these files are also separately password protected.

Sharing of information

Your information will be shared only when necessary for your direct care with:

- Yourself
- Your GP
- The Nuffield Hospital
- Your insurer
- Other clinicians involved in your care

Mr Birchley will always advise you when he needs to share your information with these parties.

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Medicolegal work

In addition to the above, your information will be shared with your legal representative(s).

Use of data for research / audit

Summary data relating to treatment is held for audit and research within password-secured spreadsheets. This information is used to review and improve patient care. is completely anonymous. Examples of such data may include clinical outcomes and complications.