



How Exeter Vein and Hernia uses and protects your data

For Mr Birchley to undertake a thorough assessment of your condition, it is vital he take and store accurate details relating to your medical history. This may include images.

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 or other colleagues, 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.

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 third parties.

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 and is completely anonymous. Examples of such data may include clinical outcomes and complications.