

# Privacy Policy – ECG Results Processing

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Highfield Surgery, on behalf of the Primary Care Network (PCN), is committed to protecting the privacy and confidentiality of patient information. This policy explains how ECG results are received, processed, and shared within the PCN.

## 1. Who We Are

Highfield Surgery is part of the Blackpool South Primary Care Network (PCN), which also includes Arnold Medical Centre, Stonyhill Medical Centre and Abbey-Dale Medical Centre. This Privacy Policy describes how ECG results are handled across the PCN to ensure safe and timely care.

## 2. What Data We Collect

As part of the ECG result actioning process, the following personal and medical information may be processed:

- NHS number
- Full name
- Date of birth
- Address
- ECG result and related clinical information

## 3. How We Receive Data

ECG results for patients registered at all PCN practices are sent to the Highfield Surgery NHS email address.

## 4. How Data Is Used

- The ECG results are received at Highfield Surgery.
- Results are sent to the PCN Manager and PCN Administrator.
- The results are then sent securely to the patient's registered GP surgery within the PCN for clinical review and action.

## 5. Legal Basis for Processing

Processing is carried out under:

- UK GDPR Article 6(1)(e) – processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority.

- UK GDPR Article 9(2)(h) – processing is necessary for the purposes of preventive or occupational medicine, medical diagnosis, and the provision of health or social care.

### 6. Data Sharing

Patient data will only be shared:

- Within the PCN (between Highfield Surgery, the PCN Manager/Administrator, and the patient's registered GP surgery).
- With healthcare professionals involved in the patient's direct care.

We do not share patient data with third parties outside of the NHS unless required by law.

### 7. Data Security

- ECG results are received via secure NHS email.
- Access is restricted to authorised staff only.
- Data is transmitted securely between surgeries within the PCN.

### 8. Data Retention

ECG results will be retained in line with NHS Records Management Code of Practice and local retention policies.

### 9. Patient Rights

Under UK GDPR, patients have the right to:

- Access their data
- Request corrections if information is inaccurate
- Request restrictions on processing (in certain circumstances)
- Complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) if they believe their data has been mishandled

### 10. Contact Details

For questions about this Privacy Policy or how your data is used, please contact:

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You may also contact the ICO: <https://ico.org.uk/>