

Looking after your information

This applies to manual and computer records and conversations about patients' treatment. Everyone working for the National Health Service (NHS) is under a legal duty to keep patients' information, held in whatever form, confidential.

Patient information includes medical records and 'non-health' information e.g. a patient's name, address, date of birth, details of financial or domestic circumstances provided by the patient and added to by NHS staff, a relative or other person.

Data Protection Act (DPA)

Cambridge University Hospitals complies with the Data Protection Act; patients are entitled to certain rights regarding information held about them under the Data Protection Act 1998.