**LIME TREE SURGERY SURGERY – STATEMENT OF INTENT**

New contractual requirements came into force from 1 April 2014 requiring that GP Practices should make available a statement of intent in relation to the following IT developments:

* **Summary Care Record (SCR)**
* **GP to GP Record Transfers (GP2GP)**
* **Patient Online Access to their GP record**
* **Data for commissioning and other secondary care purposes**

The same contractual obligations require that we have a statement of intent regarding these developments in place and publicised by 30th September 2014.

Please find below details of the practice’s stance with regards to these points.

**Summary Care Record (SCR)**

NHS England require Practices to enable successful automated uploads to patient’s summary information, at least on a daily basis, to the Summary Care Record (SCR) or to have published plans to achieve this by 31st March 2015.

Having your summary care record (SCR) available will help anyone treating you without your full medical record. They will have access to information about any medication you may be taking and any drugs that you have a recorded allergy or sensitivity to. If you do not want your medical records to be available in this way then you will need to let us know by signing an opt out form so that we can update your record.

The Lime Tree Surgery confirms that your SCR is automatically updated on at least a daily basis to ensure that your information is as up to date as it can possibly be.

You can find more information on SCR on the Practice website

**GP to GP record transfers (GP2GP)**

NHS England requires practices to ultilise the GP2GP facility for the transfer of patient records between Practices, when a patient registers or de-registers. This does not apply to temporary patient registration.

It is very important that you are registered with a doctor at all times. If you leave your GP and register with a new GP, your medical records will be removed from your previous doctor and forwarded to your new GP via NHS England. It can take your paper records up to four weeks to reach your new Practice.

With GP to GP record transfers, your electronic record is transferred to your new Practice much sooner.

The Lime Tree Surgery confirms that GP to GP transfers are already active and we send and receive patient records via this system.

**Patient Online Access to their GP record**

NHS England require Practices to promote and offer the facility to enable patient’s online, access to appointments, prescriptions, allergies and adverse reactions or have published plans in place to achieve this by 31st March 2015.

The Lime Tree Surgery currently offers the facility to book and cancel appointments online. If you do not have a user name and password for this system, you can find more information on Patient Access on the Practice website.

By 31st March 2015, we will also be offering patients the facility to view, export or print summary information from their records relating to medication, allergies, adverse reactions and any other items agreed between the Practice and patient. We will also be offering the facility to request your repeat medication on line.

**Data for commissioning and other secondary care purposes**

It is already a requirement of the Health & Social Care Act that Practices must meet the reasonable data requirements of commissioners and other health and social care organisations through appropriate and safe data sharing for secondary care usage, as specified in the technical specification for care data.

The Lime Tree Surgery has specific arrangements in place to allow patients to “opt out” of care.data which allows for the removal of data from the Practice. You can find more information on Care Data on the Practice website.