**THE DOW SURGERY**

**How we use your medical records**

**Important information for patients**

* This practice handles medical records in-line with laws on data protection and confidentiality.
* We share medical records with those who are involved in providing you with care and treatment.
* In some circumstances we will also share medical records for medical research, for example to find out more about why people get ill.
* We share information when the law requires us to do so, for example, to prevent infectious diseases from spreading or to check the care being provided to you is safe.
* You have the right to be given a copy of your medical record.
* You have the right to object to your medical records being shared with those who provide you with care.
* You have the right to object to your information being used for medical research and to plan health services.
* You have the right to have any mistakes corrected and to complain to the Information Commissioner’s Office. Please see the practice privacy notice on the website or speak to a member of staff for more information about your rights.
* For more information ask at reception for a leaflet OR visit our website www.dowsurgery.co.uk