

Health Information Privacy Statement

I understand the following:

Access to my health information

I have the right to access, and have corrected, my health information under Rules 6 and 7 of the Health Information Privacy Code 1994.

Visiting another doctor

If I visit another doctor who is not my regular doctor, I will be asked for permission to share information from the visit with my regular doctor or medical centre.

If I have a High User Health Card or Community Services Card and I visit another doctor who is not my regular doctor, he/she can make a claim for a subsidy, and the medical centre I am enrolled in will be informed of the date of that visit. The name of the medical centre I visited and the reason(s) for the visit will not be disclosed unless I give my consent.

Patient enrolment information

The information I have provided on the enrolment form will be:

- ▶ Held by the medical centre
- ▶ Used by the Ministry of Health to give me a National Health Index (NHI) number or update any changes
- ▶ Sent to Midlands Regional Health Network Charitable Trust (the Trust), which is a primary health organisation and to the Ministry of Health to obtain subsidised funding on my behalf. **This does not apply to casual patients**
- ▶ Used to determine eligibility to receive publicly-funded services. Information may be compared with other government agencies but only when permitted under the Privacy Act

Health information

Members of my health team may:

- ▶ Add to my health record during any services provided to me and use that information to provide appropriate care
- ▶ Share relevant health information to other health professionals who are directly involved in my care

Audit

With regards to financial audits, my health information may be reviewed by an auditor for checking a financial claim made by the medical centre, but only according to the terms and conditions of Section 22G of the Health Act or any subsequent applicable Act. I may be contacted by the auditor to check that services have been received. If the audit involves checking on health matters, an appropriately qualified health care practitioner will view the health records.

Health programmes

Health data relevant to a programme in which I am enrolled, such as breast screening, immunisation or diabetes, may be sent to the Trust or the external health organisation managing this programme.

Other uses of health information

Health information, which will not include my name but may include my NHI number, may be used by health organisations such as the district health board, the Ministry of Health or the Trust for the following purposes, as long as it is not used or published in a way that can identify me:

- ▶ Health service planning and reporting
- ▶ Monitoring service quality
- ▶ Payment

Research

My health information may be used for health research, but only if this has been approved by an ethics committee and will not be used or published in a way that can identify me.

Except as listed above, I understand that details about my health status or the services I have received will remain confidential within the medical centre unless I give specific consent for this information to be communicated.