



## Wellington Road Family Practice

### What is GDPR?

GDPR stands for General Data Protection Regulations and is a piece of legislation that will supersede the Data Protection Act 1998. GDPR will run alongside the new Data Protection Act 2018. It will not only apply to the UK and EU; it covers anywhere in the world in which data about EU citizens is processed. As we are currently out of the EU GDPR will continue until December 2020 when it will be reviewed.

The GDPR and the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 (which the practice already complies with), strengthens many of the DPA's principles. The main changes are:

Lawfulness, fairness and transparency  
Purpose limitation  
Data minimisation  
Accuracy  
Storage limitation  
Integrity and confidentiality (security)  
Accountability

**\*These principles lie at the heart of our approach to the processing of your personal data.**

### What is 'personal data'?

**Personal data** is information that relates to an identified or identifiable individual. What identifies an **individual** could be as simple as a name or an NHS number or could include other identifiers such as an IP address or a cookie identifier, or other

### What is consent?

Informed consent is a process for getting permission before conducting a healthcare intervention on a person, or for disclosing personal information. A health care provider may ask a patient to consent to receive therapy before providing it, or a clinical researcher may ask a research participant before enrolling that person into a clinical trial. Informed consent is collected according to guidelines from the fields of medical ethics and research ethics.

- As a patient you must be competent and understand the decision you are making
- As a patient you must have sufficient information to make an informed choice
- As a patient you must be able to give your consent freely
- You should be able to withdraw your consent at any time

**For more information on how Wellington Road Family Practice keeps your personal data secure or how you can access the data held about you, please ask for a copy of our Privacy Notice or contact:**

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