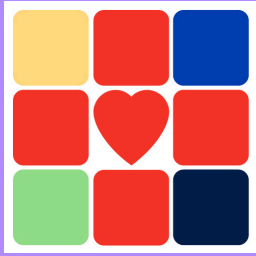


# Charnock Health Newsletter



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## Charnock Health Primary Care Centre

Welcome to our regular newsletter, and the first edition to be available online as well as in surgery.

### Charnock Health online



We are delighted to start the New Year by announcing the arrival of our practice website. This not only provides all the information you might need about the services we provide at Charnock Health, but also contains links to allow you to request prescriptions online and give us feedback about our services and how well you think we are doing in providing your healthcare.

There is also plenty of useful information about taking care of your health and links to other local and national health organisations where you can learn more about a variety of health issues and get expert advice about staying healthy.

Go to [www.charnockhealth.nhs.uk](http://www.charnockhealth.nhs.uk) for more...

Use the online links to let us know your suggestions and comments about our services.

### The NHS White Paper

Many of you will be aware of the huge changes proposed by the government for the NHS, many of which are already underway in Sheffield. Local practices, including Charnock Health, have been meeting together to form groups to help decide how health providers in hospitals and general practice will provide the right sort of care for the local population.

As part of this process it is very important that our patients are involved in helping us to organise their NHS care in a way that properly reflects their needs and wishes.

We are currently establishing an online patient representative group and would welcome your views on our services both at present and in the future. To join our patient group please register by clicking the link on our website.



### Important!

**Please let us know as soon as possible if you do not wish to have your information uploaded**



### Summary care Record

As part of the NHS computerisation program our practice is shortly to be involved in uploading information to the NHS computer system operated by the Department of Health. This is called the Summary Care Record.

We will shortly be sending information about the medicines you are being prescribed and any drug allergies or sensitivities you may have. The Department of Health have assumed that you are happy for this to happen unless you specifically tell your doctor in writing that you do not agree to this.

More information about the Summary Care Record and opting out can be found on our website at [www.charnockhealth.nhs.uk](http://www.charnockhealth.nhs.uk) under 'Further Information'.