

What is a Key Information Summary (KIS)?

Most patients in Scotland now have an Emergency Care Summary (ECS). This contains basic information about your health, eg your medication that may help NHS staff if you need urgent medical care when the GP surgery is closed. A KIS will contain all the information on the ECS and information you want NHS staff looking after you to know. For example:

- your medical condition and treatment
- your carer – their name and phone number
- any wishes you may have about your treatment
- where you would prefer to be cared for
- any wishes about how you would like to be cared for

Who can look at my KIS?

- Your KIS will be held at your GP practice. It will only be sent to other health professionals involved in your care if you agree to this.
- If you need urgent medical care NHS staff looking after you will be able to look at your KIS, e.g. doctors, nurses, paramedics, staff in out of hours centres and in hospitals. When you call NHS 24, the nurse advisors will be able to look at your KIS

Who is the KIS for?

You would benefit from a KIS if you:

- Have a long term condition, especially if you take a lot of medicines and see different specialists.
- Need a carer or family member to help you at home .
- Are likely to need care at the weekend or out of hours.
- May find it difficult to speak for yourself in an emergency because you are unwell, or because you have a communication or memory problem, a mental health issue or learning disability.

Who can create a KIS?

- Your GP can create a KIS for you.
- This could happen after you have discussed your medical needs and conditions with your GP.
- The GP will ask if you agree for your IS to be sent to NHS staff outside your GP practice.
- Sometimes the law allows the NHS to share personal health information without permission, for example to protect a child or vulnerable adult from harm.

How can I find out more?

For more information about the KIS, visit NHS 24 website: <http://www.nhs24.com/Explained/MyInfoNHS24>

If this is something that you may be interested in please let a receptionist or any of the healthcare professionals in the practice that you see know and we can get this activated for you. Alternatively please sign below and return:

I would like my GP to create a KIS to share my information with other NHS staff

Signed..... Date.....

Print Name..... DOB.....

Please return to Academy Medical Centre.