

# The Eyemouth Dental Practice

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The Eyemouth Dental Practice processes personal identifiable information that relates to patients and is therefore required by law to comply with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), which protect your privacy and ensure that your personal information is processed fairly and lawfully.

Our Data Protection Officer is [Charlie Evans](#)

#### Our Commitment to Patients

The Eyemouth Dental Practice is committed to ensuring that it complies with GDPR and applies ethical principles to all aspects of its work to protect the interests of patients and maintain the confidentiality and security of any personal information held in any form by the practice.

#### Why Does the Practice Hold Personal Information About Me?

We keep information about you to:

- ensure the dental team can contact you easily;
- provide you with the best possible dental care;
- provide care for you under the NHS and enable administration of the NHS.

Our legal basis for holding this information is

**(a) Consent:** the individual has given clear consent for you to process their personal data for a specific purpose.

**(b) Contract:** the processing is necessary for a contract you have with the individual, or because they have asked you to take specific steps before entering into a contract.

**(c) Legal obligation:** the processing is necessary for you to comply with the law (not including contractual obligations).

**(d) Vital interests:** the processing is necessary to protect someone's life.

**(e) Public task:** the processing is necessary for you to perform a task in the public interest or for your official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law.

**(f) Legitimate interests:** the processing is necessary for your legitimate interests or the legitimate interests of a third party, unless there is a good reason to protect the individual's personal data which overrides those legitimate interests. (This cannot apply if you are a public authority processing data to perform your official tasks.)

#### How does the Practice Collect Personal Information?

We collect personal information either directly from you or are provided with it by third parties, such as other dental or medical providers. It is important that the personal information we hold about you is accurate and current. Please keep us informed of any changes to your personal information.

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### What Personal Information is Kept?

Personal information includes facts (e.g. treatment you have had) and opinions (e.g. any concerns you or your dentist might have about your dental health). To provide the best possible care for you, accurate and comprehensive personal information is required. The following records are kept and updated regularly personal information and contact details, including your name, address and date of birth;

- dental, social and medical histories (e.g. past or current medical conditions, current medication, the name of your GP);
- results of the examination of your mouth and oral health, including x-rays and clinical photographs;
- information about appointments;
- any treatments and their costs;
- any proposed care, including advice we give to you and referrals you might need;
- any concerns you or your dental team might have;
- details of your consent for specific procedures;
- correspondence with other healthcare workers that relates to your care.

### How is My Personal Information Processed?

#### *Processing of Personal Information*

To provide you with appropriate care, we process your personal data for the following purposes:

**Your care** – we keep patient records to allow us to provide appropriate dental treatment and care;

**Practice Administration** – we will use your contact information to let you know when your next appointment is due and we will also send reminders about any appointments that you have booked.

#### *Sharing Relevant Information*

To provide you with appropriate care, we might need to share your personal data with:

- another dentist or health professional who is caring for you;
- your GP;
- a laboratory;
- NHS payment authorities;
- the Inland Revenue;
- the Benefits Agency, if you are claiming exemption or remission from NHS charges;
- a private dental scheme, if you are a member.

In these cases, only the minimum information required will be shared. Rarely, the law requires us to pass on information to prevent serious crime or injury. Where possible, we will inform you of requests to share personal information.

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### **Storage and Retention of Personal Information**

We keep patient records for adult patients for a minimum of 11 years and for child patients for either 11 years or until the child is 25 years of age, whichever is longer.

We will not keep records for longer than necessary and after they are no longer required, records will be shredded and collected by Smales Secure Storage.

Personal information is stored on a secure password-protected practice computer system and only authorised practice staff have access to these systems. Back-ups of these data are made regularly.

### **Your Right to Access Personal Information**

You have the right, under GDPR, to request a copy of the information held on you by our Practice. If you would like to make a request, please ask at reception or send your request in writing to The Eyemouth Dental Practice at the address below:

The Eyemouth Dental Practice Ltd  
Upper Houndlaw  
Eyemouth  
TD14 5BU

We do not charge a fee for this information, unless we deem the request to be excessive, and a fee of up to £10.00 will be charged for this information, we will respond to your request within one month of its receipt. If we refuse your request, we will tell you reasons for this. You have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office in this situation (see below for contact details).

You have the right to request correction of your information where there is an inaccuracy, request that we erase your information, object to the processing of your information or ask for the processing to be restricted. You also have the right to request the transfer of your personal information to another party, such as another dental practice. If you have concerns about the way we handle your personal information, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (see below for contact details).

If you have a query or would like more information, please contact our receptionist on 018907 50519 or write to the Practice Manager Linda Thomson at the address above.

### **Information Commissioner's Office**

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Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF  
Tel.: 0303 123 1113  
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