

The Control of Patient Information Regulations

- The Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002 allow the processing of confidential patient information (CPI) for specific purposes.
- The Secretary of State has issued 4 notices requiring NHS Digital, NHS E&I, healthcare organisations, Arms Length Bodies, Local Authorities and GPs to process CPI in light of Covid-19.
- CPI can be disclosed *without* consent, so long as certain conditions are met:
 - Purpose: management of public health (diagnose, control or prevent or recognise trends in communicable diseases and other risks to public health)
 - People: employed or engaged for the purposes of the health service or other public authority in communicable disease surveillance.
- The notices expire 30th Sept 2020 but may be extended.
- The National Data Opt-Out does *not* apply.