**COVID-19 Privacy Notice**

*(This Privacy Notice is to run alongside our standard Practice Privacy Notice)*

Due to the unprecedented challenges that the NHS and we, Cedars Surgery face due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, there is a greater need for public bodies to require additional collection and sharing of personal data to protect against serious threats to public health.

In order to look after your healthcare needs in the most efficient way we, Cedars Surgery may therefore need to share your personal information, including medical records, with staff from other GP Practices including Practices within our Primary Care Network, as well as other health organisations (i.e. Clinical Commissioning Groups, Commissioning Support Units, Local authorities etc.) and bodies engaged in disease surveillance for the purposes of research, protecting public health, providing healthcare services to the public and monitoring and managing the Covid-19 outbreak and incidents of exposure.

The Secretary of State has served notice under Regulation 3(4) of the **Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002 (COPI)** to require organisations to process confidential patient information in the manner set out below for purposes set out in Regulation 3(1) of COPI.

**Purpose of this Notice**

The purpose of this Notice is to require organisations such as Cedars Surgery to process confidential patient information for the purposes set out in Regulation 3(1) of COPI to support the Secretary of State’s response to Covid-19 (Covid-19 Purpose). “Processing” for these purposes is defined in Regulation 3(2) and includes dissemination of confidential patient information to persons and organisations permitted to process confidential patient information under Regulation 3(3) of COPI. This Notice is necessary to require organisations such as Cedars Surgery to lawfully and efficiently process confidential patient information as set out in Regulation 3(2) of COPI for purposes defined in regulation 3(1), for the purposes of research, protecting public health, providing healthcare services to the public and monitoring and managing the Covid-19 outbreak and incidents of exposure.

**Requirement to Process Confidential Patient Information**

The Secretary of State has served notice to recipients under Regulation 3(4) that requires Cedars Surgery to process confidential patient information, including disseminating to a person or organisation permitted to process confidential patient information under Regulation 3(3) of COPI, renewed 27 January 2021 and September 2021.

Cedars Surgery is only required to process such confidential patient information:

* where the confidential patient information to be processed is required for a Covid-19 Purpose and will be processed solely for that Covid-19 Purpose in accordance with Regulation 7 of COPI
* from 20th March 2020 until 30th June 2022.