

The story so far with Records Access

Record Access is the ability for an individual to see their medical record in an electronic format away from the computer system where it is stored. The individual may be a clinician looking after a patient or it may be the patient.

See www.ghc.org and click on "MyGroupHealth Site demo" for an entertaining look at what is possible in America.

A number of different approaches have been taken in the UK to enable patients to access their medical records in an electronic format:

1. it can be downloaded onto a credit card sized device which the patient then carries on his person (www.healthecard.co.uk).
2. NHS Connecting for Health have just begun their Early Adopter Summary Care Record which will enable information from GP records to be uploaded to the "Spine". Information from the Spine will be available for patients to see via HealthSpace (www.healthspace.nhs.uk).
3. EMIS (www.emis-online.co.uk) and PAERS (www.paers.net) have developed a solution that allows patients to access their personal full General Practice-held record over the internet.

There has been an intense amount of interest in the different approaches but particularly the EMIS /PAERS solution (termed EMIS Access) in the lay press, radio, in specialist journals such as the BMJ and at a number of conferences that have taken place around the country when the EMIS/PAERS solution was launched and subsequently as more and more people have heard about it:

See [Manchester Evening New article on Records Access](#).
[Reporter Article.doc](#)
[Advertiser article.doc](#)

These articles were in the press when we were the first practice in the world to offer full Records Access for patients

www.ehiprimarycare.com/news/item.cfm?ID=2134

I won the John Perry prize at the Primary Healthcare Specialist Group branch of the British Computer Society, for enabling Records Access using the EMIS /PAERS solution

[5 live drivetime interview on Records Access.wav](#)

This was a radio item that went out on 5 live drivetime (5:55pm Friday October 2006) on the week we launched it

[20070228 Using Electronic Media 1.4.ppt](#)

Presentation at the Patient Information Forum annual conference on Informing, Enabling and Empowering patients
<http://www.pifonline.org.uk/?o=2172>

[20070320 Health-care 2007.ppt](#)

This was a presentation I did in March at the HealthCare 2007 conference in Harrogate hosted by the British Computer Society with a patient of mine, myself as a GP, a local consultant psychiatrist and finally our Head of Informatics within the PCT

[Today radio programme on Records Access.wav](#)

On Monday 5th February, the Today Programme on Radio 4 ran an item at 8:20am on Records Access. They were very impressed that a 78 year old patient of mine in a high rise flat could show them her records and how to access it! They had just seen the future and it is available now! Also see <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/6323587.stm>

[Fitter, healthier, more productive.doc](#)

Even the Guardian, which has been pretty scathing of the National Programme for IT, has published a positive article about the approach we have taken – written by Michael Cross – a freelance journalist

Tessa Richards, an assistant editor of the BMJ noting what was happening, wrote an excellent article on her own experience and feelings about it. The rapid responses are as enlightening but also lay out some of my views that I have shared with the BMJ community

My illness, my record with rapid responses from the BMJ
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House of Cards.pdf

A summary of where we are up to with Records Access in the BMJ
14th April 2007 again written by Michael Cross. Much more balanced
that gives a fair summary of where we are and what the issues are

March Progress Report.doc

The Records Access Collaborative has been set up to help support and
nurture the developments around Records Access. It consists of a group
of clinicians and system suppliers committed to enabling Records Access

Shared Care Records

Presentation by Dr Chris Frith at the Health Informatics Forum
Masterclass on Share Care Records

Realizing the transformative potential of personal
health records.pdf

Kaiser Permanente - Institute for health policy – Kaiser Permanente
The personal health record is a critical tool for engaging consumers

