

# Practice Policy Statement

The office of **Mr Michéal O'Rourke, Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon** is governed by an ethic of privacy and confidentiality.

In compliance with **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR May 2018)**, your personal medical information will be used by us to communicate with you, your GP, any medical consultants, or other healthcare professionals in your care, along with their and our administrative staff, and/or your health insurance where relevant.



**This information will not be used for any other purposes without your consent.**

In providing your care, we collect and keep information about you and your health in your personal medical record as per the **Medical Council guidelines** and the privacy principles of the **General Data Protection Regulations**.

We share medical records with those who are involved in providing you with care and treatment. In some circumstances we may also share medical records for medical research, for example to find out more about why people get ill. In all such circumstances we will either anonymise your personal information or ask for your explicit consent before doing so.

We share information when the law requires e.g., to prevent infectious diseases from spreading or to check the care being provided to you is safe.

***You have the right to....***  
receive a copy of your medical record  
object to your medical records being shared  
object to your information being used for medical research / plan health services  
have any mistakes corrected and to complain to the data protection commission

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