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It shares important information about your health and care including:

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* Your medications and treatments you may be receiving
* Allergies, particularly to medication
* Results of any recent tests or investigations that you may have had
* Details on any plans created for your care or treatment
* Information on any social care or carer support you may receive

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It’s an extension of integrated care records already live in each locality of Greater Manchester (e.g. Manchester Care Record, Bolton Care Record etc). However, it collates patient information from across Greater Manchester into one place, making it easily accessible for health and care workers to inform your care across health and care organisations.

The creation of the GM Care Record follows all the latest rules and legislation to ensure your data is protected and is only used for the purposed of your direct care.

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