**The ‘Individual GP Level Data’** extraction that Practices have been invited to participate in via CQRS is an extraction of data from GP systems (provided by suppliers such as EMIS) including NHS numbers of patients and their ‘usual GP’ in order for us to report back to practices on a range of metrics about the patients they are recorded as being the ‘usual GP’ for. NHS Digital have been Directed by Department of Health to carry out this work and the main purpose is for reflection and learning.

Because this data is **not** for the purposes of direct care, patients are entitled to opt out and they can do so by requesting a **type** **1 opt-out** code be added to their record. This is an objection that prevents an individual's personal confidential information from being shared outside of their general practice except when it is being used for the purposes of direct care, or in particular circumstances required by law, such as a public health emergency like an outbreak of a pandemic disease. NHS Digital will uphold Type 1 opt-outs in collecting these data from general practices (that is: any patients who have registered a Type 1 opt-out prior to the point in time at which this data collection takes place will not be included in this data collection). Type 1 and type 2 opt-outs are completely unrelated to care.data which was disbanded as a project almost 2 years ago.

In order to make an informed choice about whether or not you want to register a type 1 opt-out please visit [here](http://content.digital.nhs.uk/article/7754/Privacy-Notice---individual-GP-level-data). If you chose to opt-out, this will apply to all collections of identifiable data carried out by NHS Digital, not just the ‘Individual GP Level Data’ extraction.

A Type 2 opt-out is an objection that prevents an individual's personal confidential information from being shared outside of NHS Digital, except when it is being used for the purposes of direct care. Type 2 does not relate to this Individual GP Level Data.

**We apply both opt-out codes (type 1 and type 2) and rules to all GP data extracts.**

More info: <http://content.digital.nhs.uk/yourinfo>