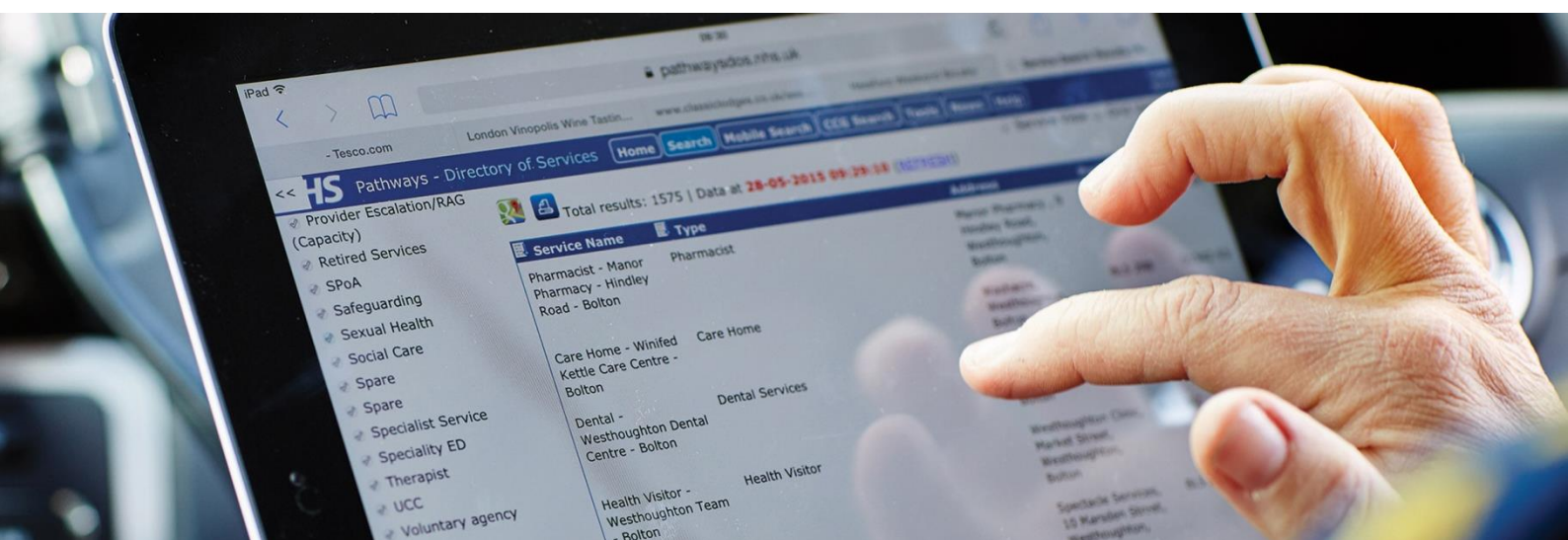


Patient Information Leaflet

Out of Area Placements



Why have you received this leaflet?

- Your mental health team have arranged for you to have your care in a hospital away from where you normally live. This is an 'Out of Area Placement' (OAP).
- The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) is trying to stop patients like you being sent 'out of area' unnecessarily.
- The DHSC has directed NHS Digital to collect information on OAPs to help improve patient care and experience.

Find out more at: www.digital.nhs.uk/oaps

What information is collected?

- your NHS number and name
- your date of birth and gender
- your postcode and where you have been sent
- your provisional diagnosis and the facilities you need

We use this information to help us collect accurate information about you, your care needs and how far away you were placed.

How is your information kept safe?

- NHS Digital is a government organisation set up to collect and study information on health and social care.
- Your hospital will send your information to NHS Digital using a secure online system.
- There are very strict laws and rules about how your information is used.

What is my information used for?

- NHS Digital sends anonymous grouped information to your care providers. You cannot be identified.
- NHS Digital publishes reports of anonymous grouped information. You cannot be identified.

View the reports at: www.digital.nhs.uk/oaps

Does my hospital have to participate?

- DHSC have directed NHS Digital to collect this information, so it is a legal requirement. Your hospital has to send the information.
- The national opt out does not apply because no information leaves NHS Digital that can identify you.

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