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Dear Primary Care Contractor,

The EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force on 25th May 2018, replacing the existing data protection framework under the EU Data Protection directive. In preparation for the introduction of these regulations the HSE PCRS has published a Privacy Statement on the following websites: www.PCRS.ie ; www.medicalcard.ie ; www.mymedicalcard.ie

Patient records that are created and maintained by a primary care contractor do not fall within the remit of the HSE PCRS. The primary care contractor is the Data Controller for such records.

However, as a service provider under the 1970 Health Act (as amended), you have agreed to provide healthcare services to eligible patients. In order for the HSE PCRS to facilitate the payment for such services, claim documentation, which should include personal data relating to the person to whom the service was provided, is furnished by the Primary Care Contractor to the HSE PCRS on a monthly basis.

All data outlined on these claim forms are held securely by the HSE PCRS, in line with the obligations under Data Protection legislation. Data provided to the HSE PCRS are not used for any purpose other than is permitted by legislation.

The HSE PCRS is the Data Controller for records created and maintained in respect of persons that have made application for Medical Card eligibility and GP Visit Card eligibility. The HSE PCRS also maintains an electronic record (including personal data) in respect of persons that have eligibility under the Community Drugs schemes and other arrangements and as such, the PCRS fulfils its obligations as the Data Controller for data maintained for the effective administration of these schemes and arrangements.

Yours Sincerely,

Anne Marie Hoey
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