

Using Electronic Health Records (EHR) Professionally

Decision tool to support professional judgement for use of Summary Care Records (SCR) - ENGLAND

Access scenarios supporting patient care

Checking medication details

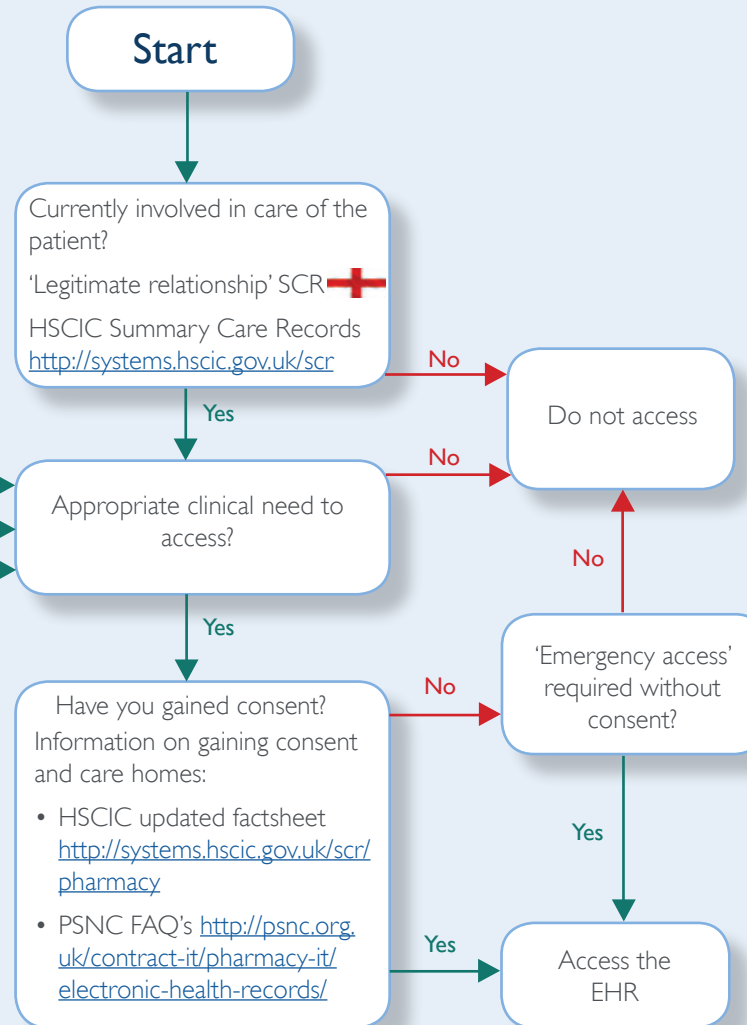
- Prescription unclear
- Patient can't remember/unsure about medicines
- Emergency supplies
- New patient to the pharmacy
- Checking possible dispensing/prescribing error
- Checking interactions with:
 - Prescribed medicines
 - OTC medicines
 - Herbal products and supplements

Checking information about the patient

- Drug allergies
- Previous ADRs
- 'Additional information' such as care plans/ blood test results, immunisation history, intolerances

Other

- Check eligibility for other pharmacy services (e.g. NHS flu jab)
- Supporting self-care
- Access to clinical information out of hours
- Safe and efficient alternative to contacting GP for clinical information



What's happening in Scotland and Wales:

Emergency Care Summary (ECS)

Currently ECS access is limited to A&E units, the Ambulance Service, some hospital wards and NHS24 pharmacists. Community pharmacists can contact NHS24 to receive this information unless part of pilot roll-out testing: http://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk/unscheduled_care.html

Welsh GP Record

The Welsh GP Record is available to doctors and nurses routinely in out of hours services, and being rolled out for unscheduled care services. Further development of a web-based application called Choose Pharmacy will enable community pharmacists in Wales to access the Welsh GP Record from April 2016, when required, to provide emergency supplies of medicines: <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/nwis/page/52553>