

**Combs Ford Surgery
Patient Newsletter
March 2010**

**Important Information Regarding the
Summary Care Record (SCR)**

All patients aged over 15 years and 9 months will receive a letter about the Summary Care Record (SCR).

It is very important to read this information carefully as it contains information relating to your medical records.

The SCR is an electronic record which will be available to staff providing patients with care anywhere in England. At first it will contain information about your health such as details of allergies, your current medication and whether you have had any bad reactions to medicines. After that, other information could be added such as diagnoses or conditions and more detailed information such as medical history and clinic attendances.

We strongly advise you to read the letter and information enclosed carefully. You will have an SCR unless you OPT-OUT. To opt –out you need to pick up a form from Reception and complete this. This information will be added to your health record so an SCR will not be uploaded for you. If you wish to opt-out you need to do this by 12th June 2010.

Any patients who have already opted-out do not need to do this again. If you wish to check to see if you have already opted-out please ask at Reception.

Or, if you have already opted-out and now wish to have an SCR please also ask at Reception.

For more information -

**Contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)
on 0800 389 6819 or visit www.suffolk.nhs.uk/scr**

Thank you.
Dr A F Wankowski & Partners

Training and Education Sessions in 2010

The surgery will be closed on the following Thursday afternoons between 1pm and 4pm for staff training—

Thursday 29th April
Thursday 24th June
Thursday 29th July
Thursday 30th September
Thursday 26th November

A duty doctor will be available for urgent / emergency cases.



Do We Have Your Correct Details On Record?

Please inform Reception if any of your contact details have changed—

Name
Address
Postcode
Home telephone number
Mobile telephone number

New Out of Hours Provider From April 2010

You may have seen in the news recently that NHS Suffolk has commissioned a company called **Harmoni** to provide care for patients when Doctor's surgeries are closed. The service will operate between 6.30pm and 8.00am Monday to Friday, and all day at weekends and bank holidays. **Harmoni** is the largest provider of out of hours care in England and has been operating since 1996.



From 6.30pm on 1st April 2010 if you need to seek urgent medical advice you need to dial the following number—

0118 990 2166

You can also dial the main surgery number and you will be given the number to dial.

Combs Ford Surgery Easter Opening Times

Friday 2nd April (Good Friday) - Closed
Monday 5th April (Easter Monday) - Closed

Please don't forget to order your repeat prescriptions early to cover the holiday period. Thank you.



Swine Flu H1N1 Vaccination Campaign

If you are aged over 6 months and are in a clinical "at risk group" you are still able to have a Swine Flu Vaccination here at the surgery. Please book an appointment at Reception. Thank you.