



## Comparing standard SCR to SCR with Additional Information

Standard SCR displays information includes medicines, allergies and adverse reactions, whilst 'SCR with Additional Information' includes richer information so that health and care workers can provide enhanced care for their patients.

### Differences between standard SCR and SCR with Additional Information

The table below compares the differences between standard SCR and SCR with Additional Information.

Standard SCR	SCR (Additional Information)	Excluded from standard SCR and SCR with Additional Information (by default)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• medicines;</li> <li>• allergies;</li> <li>• adverse reactions;</li> <li>• Shielded Patient Flag</li> </ul>	<p>Additional information can include any or all of these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reason for medication; immunisations;</li> <li>• significant diagnoses / problems; significant procedures;</li> <li>• end of life care information and patient preferences;</li> <li>• other anticipatory care preferences, when they have been recorded by the GP; and</li> <li>• other important information from the GP record that the patient and GP agree should be included in the SCR.</li> </ul>	<p>There are items which are excluded from both SCR types unless the patient specifically asks for these to be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fertility treatment;</li> <li>• sexually transmitted infections and treatments;</li> <li>• terminations; and</li> <li>• gender reassignment.</li> </ul>

### Framework for use

**Pre COVID-19:** Patients confirm their consent by requesting that their GP practice activates SCR with AI for them so that other health and care workers such as their pharmacist may have ability to have sight of that information when needed.

**During the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond:** In light of the current emergency, the 'Additional Information' framework was amended from April 2020 so that health and care workers that can use SCR can view the information best needed to support patients including Additional Information. Patients fully opted out from SCR remain opted out. For the time being patients will not have to ask their GP practice to activate it. This arrangement will be reviewed after the pandemic.

### The benefits of promoting and using SCR with Additional Information

Previous NHS Digital research has indicated 71% of clinician survey respondents accessing SCR Additional Information said that viewing Additional Information helped make more effective use of time with patients due to: less need for time finding information; a reduced number of phone calls needed to others including GP practices; the information supporting quicker decision-making; and the avoidance of an unnecessary referral to another health care provider.

Patients sharing Additional Information explained within NHS Digital survey answers that one of biggest reasons they decided to enable sharing of Additional Information was so that health and care workers would be able to understand "why I take a particular medicine".

Pharmacy teams are encouraged to support any local or national campaigns that promote SCR with Additional Information. Pharmacy teams are also encouraged to use [SCR](#) and SCR with Additional Information (where available) to enhance the care they can provide for their patients, e.g. when delivering a service such as NHS Community Pharmacist Consultation Service ([CPCS](#)) or providing emergency supply. Increasingly patients will also be able to access SCR and other health information within the [NHS App](#), if GP practices have enabled NHS App features.

[Patient materials](#) explain SCR with AI can be displayed within GP practices, community pharmacies and other places.

Find out more and see links to local and national statistics, example screenshots and patient materials at: [SCR with Additional Information](#).