

Copying Letters to Patients

The government has made a promise that people should be able to receive copies of letters written by health professionals about their treatment.

We have a procedure for making sure you can choose to see copies of letters and documents covered by this promise.

How it works

You have the right, if you want, to have copies of letters written by members of the team looking after you such as:

GPs, hospital doctors, therapists or other health professionals.

You can discuss this at your appointment/meeting with the person looking after your treatment.

Sometimes we will not be able to supply copies of letters and other documents. This may happen because:-

- The health professional feels that it may do you harm.
- The letter includes information about somebody else who has not given consent for the details to be shared.

For further information ask the receptionist for patient information leaflet 'Copying Letters to Patients' (PIF 981).