

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES	
Outcomes	Implementation Date
Patient Record Requests	
1. There is a rebuttable presumption, agreed by the Law Society, Association of British Insurers and the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers that subject to the expert witnesses view, no patient records will be requested for claims below £10,000 ¹ .	June 2006
Legislation on data sharing	
2. The Department of Health in incorporating the outcomes of the review of Information Governance and in conjunction with the Care Record Development Board will review and streamline, where necessary, existing policies and guidance around sharing information between health and adult social care organisations. This will include identifying when data needs to be shared and what data this is and clarifying the requirements for patient/service user consent. The Department of Health in conjunction with the Care Record Development Board and groups representing patient and service users will develop a single information sharing protocol for health and adult social care staff.	December 2006
Medical Research	
3. The Department of Health will develop and issue a single set of guidance on the secondary uses of personal information for medical research, population health and management. This will take account of the recommendations of the Academy of Medical Sciences and of the Council for Science and Technology, the views of frontline staff and of appropriate patient and service user groups. This guidance will promote consistent interpretation of the legislation on the use of patient information for research purposes, and will provide clarity for frontline staff, patients and service users. It will also explore solutions based on anonymisation of personal data.	September 2006

¹ Practitioners should think about how necessary the patient records are to the particular case and whether they need to see them, since the purpose of this outcome measure is to try to reduce burdens on GPs and other health professionals. Practitioners should note it is not an absolute bar to seeking patient records and they can always be sought if the solicitor deems it necessary to do so. This outcome does not amend the personal injury pre-action protocol or patient's rights to see their own records.