



Peterhouse College Nurse

Confidentiality and Information Sharing Statement

The College Nurse respects the rights of service users to confidentiality and privacy. Your details are always treated as confidential and you will be asked your consent before any of your information is passed on. Like all other health services the College Nurse cannot guarantee absolute confidentiality. Only in exceptional circumstances will your information be shared without your consent.

Confidentiality

- Information given by you will only be used to provide you with the best treatment/support
- To best meet your needs and only with your consent details may have to be passed onto other agencies e.g. counsellors, your GP or practice nurse, hospital staff, emergency care centres, paramedics. You will be informed exactly what information will be shared, for what reason and to whom.
- If the College Nurse has been asked to provide information to a third party including college academic staff your full informed consent will be requested. **You have the right to withhold your consent.**
- Information will only be shared without your consent in exceptional circumstances

Exceptional circumstances:

You are unconscious and need life saving treatment.

Where there is serious concern that you are putting yourself or others at risk from harm.

The College Nurse has been instructed to share information with the police or court.

When there is a statutory obligation to disclose information

If you feel your right to confidentiality has not been respected you may invoke the Colleges Complaints procedure and or seek legal advice.