

## Why is the NHS Number important to me?

Your NHS Number is unique to you. Using it to identify you correctly is an important step towards improving the safety of your healthcare.

If you know your NHS Number, or have it on a document or letter, you can help healthcare staff find your records more easily and share them safely with other people who are caring for you.

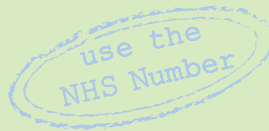
As an added safety measure, you can start checking the things the NHS send you to make sure they have your correct NHS Number.

NHS staff will begin to ask for your NHS Number more often, so remember to keep it in a safe place which you have easy access to.

NHS Connecting for Health is the national organisation which is supporting your local NHS to introduce new computer systems and services. These will help us to deliver better, safer care for NHS patients. For more information about this, visit [www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk](http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk)

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Take this with you whenever you visit your GP or other health care worker



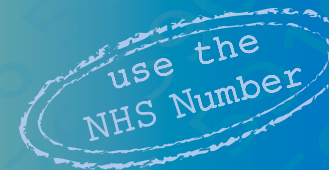
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Your healthcare, your record, your number



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