



BELMONT ORTHODONTIC CENTRE

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NATIONAL DATA OPT OUT POLICY

The National Data Opt Out Policy is a service provided in England which allows everyone to have the choice of opting out of their confidential information being used for research and planning purposes. However, this opt out service does not apply to data used for individual care. If you wish to find out more information about the National Data Opt Out Scheme or register or change your opt out choices, please visit www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-data-matters or find further information through the NHS app.

It is Belmont Orthodontic Centre's Policy that if we are approached to provide clinical data (e.g. for research or planning purposes), we understand what the legal basis is for using or disclosing that data. Any applicant applying to Belmont Orthodontic Centre for such data must firstly confirm they have the correct approval from the Confidential Advisory Group (CAG) to ask for the disclosure of confidential patient information held by us. This approval is known as a Section 251 approval under the NHS Act 2006. This approval means that Belmont Orthodontic Centre can, if we choose, disclose the information to the applicant for research purposes without being in breach of the common law duty of confidentiality unless the patient has chosen to opt out of their information being disclosed in this way via the National Data Opt out service.

Belmont Orthodontic Centre understands the duties it has to respect our patients choices regarding opting out of having their information shared in these circumstances and therefore prior to any such information being shared, we

would apply to NHS Digital who will provide us with a list of the registered NHS numbers they hold on their data base to confirm which patients have chosen not to allow their data to be used for any reason other than their individual care and treatment.

Dated: 31st March 2021

Review Date: 31st March 2022 (or sooner if deemed appropriate)