Central Avenue Surgery, Ardrossan Health Centre, KA22 7DX Publication Scheme

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Section 1: Introduction

The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 requires Scottish public authorities to produce and maintain a publication scheme. Authorities are under a legal obligation to:

- Publish the classes of information they make routinely available
- Tell the public how to access the information and what it might cost

Central Avenue Surgery has adopted the Model Publication Scheme 2014 produced by the Scottish Information Commissioner. The scheme has the Commissioner's approval until 31 May 2018.

You can see the model publication scheme on the Commissioner's website at <u>www.itspublicknowledge.info/mps</u> or by contacting us at the address provided below.

The purpose of this Guide to Information is to:

- allow you to see what information is available (and what is not available) in relation to each class
- state what charges may be applied
- explain how you can find the information easily.
- provide contact details for enquiries and to get help with accessing the information
- explain how to request information we hold that has not been published.

Section 2: About Central Avenue Surgery

General information

Central Avenue Surgery, Ardrossan Health Centre, Central Avenue, Ardrossan, North Ayrshire KA22 7DX

Four GP's, One Practice Manager, One Practice Nurse, One Treatment Room Nurse, One Health Care Assistant and Five Administration members of staff

The Practice opening hours are Monday- Friday 8.30am – 5.30pm and Out of Hours cover is supplied by NHS24 by telephoning 111.

The practice leaflet is available from reception and as a download from the practice website, <u>www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk</u>

The practice is not a training practice.

Concern or complaints about the services we provide can be made directly to the Practice Manager, M Anderson or to the Complaints Manager, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, Eglinton House, PO Box 13, Ailsa Hospital, Dalmellington Road, Ayr KA6 6AB.

Constitution

This GP practice is constituted under the National Health Services (Scotland) Act 1978 and is contracted by NHS Ayrshire & Arran to provide primary medical services under GMS contract.

How the practice is run

The Practice GP Partners and the Practice Manager meet on a regular basis to formally discuss both the administrative and management decisions, which affect the practice.

Under our contract of services with the NHS Ayrshire & Arran, we are obligated to meet the requirements of this contract and must provide information to support this to the NHS board. The practice is audited by Practitioners Services Division under Payment Verification processes which assess that payments made to practices are correct. PSD is responsible for providing assurance to NHS boards that the payments made on their behalf to GP practices are accurate and valid. The work conducted under Payment Verification includes patient registration checks, documentary checks, trend analysis, and practice visits.

General practitioners have a duty of care to their patients and are registered with the General Medical Council and follow the standards and good medical practice guidelines laid down by the GMC, including the requirements set out in the GMC guidance *Duties of a Doctor* (<u>http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/good medical practice/duties of a doctor.asp</u>).

Section 3: Our functions and services

NHS Boards contract with GP practices to provide primary care services to patients. Central Avenue Surgery holds a General Medical Services contract with NHS Ayrshire & Arran. Under this contract we provide primary medical services to patients that reside within our practice area and boundary which includes the towns of Ardrossan, Saltcoats, Stevenston, Seamill and West Kilbride.

GP contractors – Drs Adams, Sword, Eves and Price, hold the contract for services with the NHS board and are responsible for fulfilling the obligations of the contract. The General Medical Services (<u>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2004/115/made</u>). Regulations outline our responsibilities under our contract. The payment arrangements under our contract are contained in the GMS: Statement of Financial Entitlements (the current year's SFE can be found on the NHS Scotland website

(http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/publications/publication.asp)".

This practice participates in the Quality and Outcomes Framework. Funding under the QOF is dependent on achievement against a variety of clinical and non-clinical indicators.

This practice aims to take account of NHS Quality and Improvement Scotland standards and guidance, Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) guidelines relevant to general practice, and Scottish Government Health Directorates service strategies and frameworks.

Under our contract with NHS Ayrshire & Arran, we provide a range of services to our patients, including: general primary medical services and enhanced services, both local and national. Child health surveillance, contraceptive services, maternity medical services, minor surgery services, obstetric services, immunisation services, palliative care enhanced service, influenza and pneumococcal immunisations, warfarin monitoring, DMARD monitoring. Nexplanon, insertion and removal. IUS/IUCD insertion and removal. Ring Pessary insertion and removal. Alcohol Intervention, Cryotherapy, Health Promotion Clinics, Disease Management Clinics, cervical cytology, etc. It is important to note that this range of services may be subject to change and may not always be available.

All of these services are available by making a routine appointment with a GP or the Practice Nurse.

Some services may involve information sharing with other health agencies and the practice is registered under the data protection act (1988).

The practice is committed to providing equal access to health care services and this includes meeting the language and communication needs of our patients. We have access to Translation, interpretation and communication support. This support may not always be available immediately.

Section 4: How we take decisions and what we have decided

Clinical decisions are discussed by all GP Partners. Managerial and business decisions are discussed with the GP partners and Practice Manager. Practice meetings and Practice Staff meetings are held regularly. Meetings can be called at short notice if required. Dr Steven Adams is the Senior Partner in the Practice and has the lead role in relation to complaints and Patient Safety.

Please see Section 14 – Classes of information for further details.

Section 5: What we spend and how we spend it Central Avenue Surgery receives funding from NHS sources to provide NHS services to patients. We do not charge patients for NHS services. Details of our NHS funding can be requested from the practice, please see *Section 14 – Classes of information* for further details.

Section 6: Accessing information under this scheme

Information available under our guide to information will normally be available through the routes described below. Section 14 – Classes of Information provides more details on the information available under the scheme, along with additional guidance on how the information falling with each "class" may be accessed.

Online

Most information listed in our guide to information is available to download from our practice website <u>www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk</u>. If you have any difficulty accessing information online please contact us by an alternative route."]

By phone

Information can also be requested from us over the telephone. Please call 01294 463838 to request information available under this scheme.

By post

All information under the guide will normally be available in paper copy form, but please consider the impact on the environment. Please address your request to:

M Anderson, Practice Manager, Central Avenue Surgery, Ardrossan Health Centre, Central Avenue, Ardrossan, Ayrshire. KA22 7DX.

When writing to us to request information, please include your name and address, full details of the information or documents you would like to receive, and any fee payable (see *Section 6: Our charging policy* for further information on fees). Please also include a telephone number so we can telephone you to clarify any details, if necessary.

Advice and assistance

If you have any difficulty identifying the information you want to access, then please contact the practice by one of the methods listed above.

Section 7: Information that we may withhold

All information covered by our guide to information will be processed promptly and provided as soon as possible following our receipt of your request.

Our aim in maintaining this guide is to be as open as possible. You should note, however, that there may be circumstances where information will be withheld from one of the classes of information listed in *Section 14 – Classes of Information*. Information will only be withheld where permitted by The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Information may be withheld, for example, where its disclosure would breach the law of confidentiality or harm an organisation's commercial interests. Information may also be withheld if it is another person's personal information, and its release would breach data protection legislation.

Information would not be disclosed in the following examples:

- Requests for information that is contained in patient medical records. However, you do have the right to request your own medical records, see Section 13 How to access information which is not available under this scheme.
- Requests for information relating to private income of practice partners or practice staff
- Requests for financial information that would likely prejudice substantially the commercial interests of any person

Additionally, section 25 of FOISA provides an absolute exemption which allows our practice to refuse to deal with a request where the requested information is already reasonably obtainable elsewhere, even where a fee may be charged. Information provided in the publication scheme is considered reasonably obtainable.

Whenever information is withheld we will inform you of this, and will set out why it was not appropriate for that information to be disclosed. Even where information is withheld it may, in many cases, be possible to provide copies with the withheld information edited out.

If you wish to complain about any information which has been withheld from you, please refer to Section 10 – Complaints.

Section 8: Our charging policy

Unless otherwise stated in Section 14 – Classes of Information, all information contained within our guide is available from us free of charge from the practice premises.

We reserve the right to impose charges for providing information in paper copy. Charges will reflect the actual costs of reproduction and postage to the practice, as set out below.

In the event that a charge is to be levied, you will be advised of the charge and how it has been calculated. Information will not be provided to you until payment has been received.

Reproduction costs:

Where charges are applied, photocopied information will be charged at a standard rate of 10p per A4 paper (black and white copy).

Postage cost:

We will pass on postage charges to the requester at the cost to the practice of sending the information by first class recorded post.

Section 9: Our copyright policy

Central Avenue Surgery holds the copyright for the vast majority of information in this guide to information. All of this information can be copied or reproduced without our formal permission, provided it is copied or reproduced accurately, is not used in a misleading context, and provided that the source of the material is identified.

The guide may, however, contain information where the copyright holder is not Central Avenue Surgery. In most cases the copyright holder will be obvious from the documents. In cases where the copyright is unclear, however, it is the responsibility of the person accessing the information to locate and seek the permission of the copyright holder before reproducing the material or in any other way breaching the rights of the copyright holder. Wherever possible, this scheme will indicate where we do not own the copyright on documents within *Section 14 – Classes of Information*.

Information about Crown copyright material is available on the website of the Queens Printer for Scotland at www.oqps.gov.uk. We can provide you with a copy of this information if you do not have internet access.

Section 10: Our records management and disposal policy

All information at the Central Avenue Surgery is held, retained and destroyed in accordance with *Scottish Government* – *Records Management: NHS Code of Practice (Scotland).* Confidentiality of patient information is maintained in accordance with the *NHS (Scotland) Act 1978 Directions on the Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information: General Medical Services, Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements and Health Boards Primary Medical Services Contracts.* These documents are available on the NHS Scotland website (http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk).

Section 11: Feedback

Central Avenue Surgery is required to review our guide to information from time to time. As a result, we welcome feedback on how we can develop our guide further. If you would like to comment on any aspect of this guide to information, then please contact us. You may, for example wish to tell us about:

- other information that you would like to see included in the guide
- whether you found the guide easy to use
- whether you found the guide to information useful
- whether our staff were helpful
- other ways in which our guide to information can be improved

Please send any comments or suggestions to M Anderson, Practice Manager, Central Avenue Surgery, Ardrossan Health Centre, Central Avenue, KA22 7DX.

Section 12: Complaints

Our aim is to make our guide to information as user-friendly as possible, and we hope that you can access all the information we publish with ease. If you do wish to complain about any aspect of the guide, however, then please contact us, and we will try and resolve your complaint as quickly as possible. You can contact:

Maureen Anderson, Practice Manager, Central Avenue Surgery, Ardrossan Health Centre, Central Avenue,

Any complaint will be acknowledged within two working days of receipt and we will respond in full within twenty working days.

You have legal rights to access information under this guide and a right of appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner if you are dissatisfied with our response. These rights apply only to information requests made in writing* or another recordable format. If you are unhappy with our responses to your request you can ask us to review it and if you are still unhappy, you can make an appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

The Commissioner's website has a guide to this three step process, and she operates an enquiry service on Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The Commissioner's office can be contacted as follows:

Scottish Information Commissioner

Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road St Andrews Fife KY16 9DS

Telephone	01334 464610
Email	enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info
Website	www.itspublicknowledge.info

*verbal requests for environmental information carry similar rights.

Section 13: How to access information which is not available under this scheme

If the information you are seeking is not available under this guide to information, then you may wish to request it from us. The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) provides you with a right of access to the information we hold, subject to certain exemptions. The Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) separately provide a right of access to the environmental information we hold, while the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) provides a right of access to any personal information about you that we hold. Again, these rights are subject to certain exceptions or exemptions.

Should you wish to request a copy of any information that we hold that is not available under this scheme, please write to Maureen Anderson, Practice Manager, Central Avenue Surgery, Ardrossan Health Centre, Central Avenue, Ardrossan KA22 7DX.

Charges for information which is not available under the guide

The charges for information which is available under this guide are set out under Section 8 – Our Charging Policy. Fees for information that is not available under this guide are outlined in The Freedom of Information (Fees for Required Disclosure) (Scotland) Regulations 2004. If you submit a request to us for information which is not available under the Model Publication Scheme 2014 the charges will be based on the following calculations:

General information requests

- There will be no charge for information requests which cost us £100 or less to process.
- Where information costs between £100 and £600 to provide you may be asked to pay 10% of the cost. That is, if you were to ask for information that cost us £600 to provide, you would be asked to pay £50, calculated on the basis of a waiver for the first £100 and 10% of the remaining £500.
- We are not obliged to respond to requests which will cost us over £600 to process.
- In calculating any fee, staff time will be calculated at actual cost per staff member hourly salary rate to a maximum of £15 per person per hour.
- We do not charge for the time to determine whether we hold the information requested, nor for the time it takes to decide whether the information can be released. Charges may be made for locating, retrieving and providing information to you.
- In the event that we decide to impose a charge we will issue you with notification of the charge (a fees notice) and how it has been calculated. You will have three months from the date of issue of the fees notice in which to decide whether to pay the charge. The information will be provided to you on payment of the charge. If you decide not to proceed with the request there will be no charge to you.

Charges for environmental information

We do not charge for the time to determine whether we hold the information requested, nor for the time it takes to decide whether the information can be released.

In the event that we decide to impose a charge we will issue you with notification of the charge and how it has been calculated. The information will be provided to you on payment of the charge. If you decide not to proceed with the request there will be no charge to you.

Charges are calculated on the basis of the actual cost to the authority of providing the information.

- Photocopying is charged at 10p per A4 sheet for black and white copying.
- Postage is charged at actual rate for first class mail.
- Staff time is calculated at actual cost per staff member hourly salary rate to a maximum of £15 per person per hour.

The first £100 worth of information will be provided to you without charge.

Where information costs between £100 and £600 to provide you will be asked to pay 10% of the cost. That is, if you were to ask for information that cost us £600 to provide, you would be asked to pay £50 calculated on the basis of a waiver for the first £100 and 10% of the remaining £500.

Where it would cost more than £600 to provide the information to you, however, we will ask you to pay the full cost of providing the information, with no waiver for any portion of the cost.

Requests for your own personal data

While you cannot request personal data under the FOISA you are entitled to request your own personal data under the DPA. Under the DPA you can request your personal information from Drs, Adams, Sword, Eves & Price, Central Avenue Surgery, Ardrossan Health Centre. We reserve the right to charge a maximum of £50 for requests for an individual's own personal information.

Section 14 – Classes of information

The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act, 2002 requires a publication scheme to specify the classes of information the Public Authority already publishes or intends to publish. Our intention is to publish as much information as possible through our guide to information, where there is known to be public interest. However, exemptions under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act, 2002 may allow us to withhold some information, as indicated in *Section 7: Information that we may withhold*.

We publish information that we hold within the following classes:

Class 1: About Central Avenue Surgery Class 2: How we deliver our function and services Class 3: How we take decisions and what we have decided Class 4: What we spend and how we spend it Class 5: How we manage our human, physical and information resources Class 6: How we procure goods and services from external providers Class 7: How we are performing Class 8: Our commercial publications

Once information is published under a class we will continue to make it available for the current and previous two financial years.

Where information has been updated or superseded, only the current version will be available. If you would like to see previous versions, you may make a request to us for that information.

Class 1: About Central Avenue Surgery			
Class description: Information about Central Avenue Surgery, who we are, where to find us, how to contact us, how we are managed and our external relations.			
The information we publish under this class	How to access it		
Practice name, address and contact details	Information contained in section 2 of this document and our practice leaflet. It is also available on our practice website. www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk. This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.		
Organisational structure, roles and responsibilities of partners	Information contained in section 2 of this document and our practice leaflet. It is also available on our practice website. www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk. This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.		
Practice opening hours	Information contained in section 2 of this document and our practice leaflet. It is also available on our practice website. www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk. This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.		
Contact details for patients and complaints functions	Information contained in section 2 of this document and our practice leaflet.		

	It is also available on our practice website. www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk. This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
Publication scheme and guide to information	The Model Publication Scheme 2014 is available on the Information Commissioner's website It is also available on our practice website. www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk. This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
Charging schedule for published information	Information contained in section 8 of this document and our practice leaflet.
	It is also available on our practice website. www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk. This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
Contact details and advice about how to request information	Information contained in section 6 of this document and our practice leaflet.
	It is also available on our practice website. www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk. This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
Charging schedule for environmental information	Information contained in section 13 of this document and our practice leaflet.
	It is also available on our practice website. www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk. This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
Legal/contractual framework for the authority	Information contained in section 2 of this document and our practice leaflet.
	It is also available on our practice website. www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk. This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
Description of practice governance/decision making structures	Information contained in section 2 of this document and our practice leaflet.
	It is also available on our practice website. www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk. This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
Names of, responsibilities of and (work-related) biographical details of the	Information contained in section 2 of this document and our practice leaflet.
people who make strategic and operational decisions about the performance of function and/or delivery of services	It is also available on our practice website. www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk. This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
Governance polices	Information contained in section 2 of this document and our practice leaflet.
	It is also available on our practice website. www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk.

	This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
Strategic planning processes	Information contained in section 4 of this document and our practice leaflet.
	It is also available on our practice website. www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk. This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
Accountability relationships, including reports to regulators	Information contained in section 2 of this document and our practice leaflet.
	It is also available on our practice website.
	www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk.
	This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
Class 2: How we deliver or	ur functions and services
	tion about our work, our strategy and policies for delivering formation for our services users.
The information we publish under this class	How to access it
Description of practice	Information contained in sections 2 and 3 of this document
functions, including statutory basis for them	and our practice leaflet.
-	It is also available on our practice website.
	www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk.
	This information is available by post and it is also available
Strategies, policies and	from our GP practice. Information contained in sections 2 and 3 of this document
internal staff procedure for performing statutory	and our practice leaflet.
functions	It is also available on our practice website.
	www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk.
	This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
How to report a concern to the practice	Information contained in section 2 of this document and our practice leaflet.
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Service policies and internal	Information contained in sections 2 and 3 of this document
staff policies	and our practice leaflet.
	It is also available on our practice website.
	www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk.
	This information is available by post and it is also available
	from our GP practice.
Service schedules and	Information contained in sections 2 and 3 of this document
delivery plans	and our practice leaflet.
	It is also available on our practice website.
	www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk.
	This information is available by post and it is also available
	from our GP practice.
Information for patients,	Information contained in sections 2 and 3of this document
including how to access	and our practice leaflet.
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	It is also available on our practice website. www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk.
	This information is available by post and it is also available
	from our GP practice.
Service fees and charges	Information contained in sections 5 of this document and
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	It is also available on our practice website.
	www.ardrossanhealthcentre.co.uk.
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Class description: Information about our strategy, and management of, financial resources in sufficient detail to explain how we spend public money and what has actually been spent.

How to access it
This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
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Class 5: How the practice manages its human, physical and information resources

Class description: Information about how we manage the human, physical and information resources of the authority

The information we publish under this class	How to access it
Strategy and management of human resources	This information is available by post and it is also available
Staffing structure	from our GP practice. Information contained in section 2 of this document.
	This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
Human resources policies, procedures and guidelines (recruitment, performance, management, promotion, pensions, discipline, grievance, staff development)	This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
Management of the practice premises	This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
Premises maintenance arrangements	This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
Records management policy	Information contained in sections 10 of this document.
	This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.
Information governance	Information contained in sections 5 of this document.
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	procures goods and services from external providers			
Class description: Information about how we procure goods and services, and our contacts with external providers				
The information we publish under this class	How to access it			
Procurement policies and procedures	We do not hold this information			
Invitations to tender	We do not hold this information			
List of contracts that have gone through formal tendering, including details	We do not hold this information			
Class 7: How our practice is performing Class description: Information about how the authority performs as an organisation, and how well it delivers its functions and services				
The information we publish under this class	How to access it			
External reports, reports for NHS boards, annual reports, and performance statements	This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.			
Quality and Outcomes Framework achievement	This information is available by post and it is also available from our GP practice.			
Class 8: Our commercial publications				
Class description: Information packaged and made available for sale on a commercial basis and sold at market value through a retail outlet (e.g. research journal)				
The information we publish under this class	How to access it			
List and details of any commercial publications	We do not hold this information			