
*HAMPSTEAD HOSPITAL AND RESIDENTIAL
TREATMENT FACILITY
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY*

Each patient at Hampstead Hospital and Residential Treatment Facility **has** a right to confidentiality and the privacy of their clinical information. That right extends to the fact of their hospitalization. Oral and/or written information that identifies or potentially identifies or is about a specific patient may be shared among individuals that have a need to know and only insofar as it is necessary for the patient's treatment or in the course of professional education. In addition, this information must be kept secure at all times, may not be placed in or recorded by personal electronic hardware or software, and shall be protected from any potential breach. Under no other circumstances may information be shared unless an authorization is given by law, by the patient/legal representative or when a clear medical emergency exists.

All those having a relationship with Hampstead Hospital and Residential Treatment Facility (students, consultants, contractors and volunteers) are under equal obligation to treat as confidential and to use safeguards to keep secure, any information they may have access to or acquire, by any means, about a patient or former patient. Any breach of confidentiality is a serious offense, violates the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-191) and may be grounds for legal action or termination of a business relationship.

I, _____, have read, understand and
(Print name)
agree to abide by the provisions of this statement.

Signature

Date signed