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Please would you send me details of how many duplicate records you currently hold on your GP Clinical System

We have no idea of the exact numbers, but we anticipate this to be an extremely small number. Our system (EMIS) does not allow us to search for possible duplicated records by similar name/DOB, but only those with a **duplicate NHS number**.

Running the search this morning has identified **5** patients with two records each, each record having an identical NHS number, and **2** seemingly different patients but with the same DOB and with the same NHS number. These will be reconciled/merged/deleted accordingly. **So we certainly have at least 12 duplicate records** (out of a list size of 10,600+).

The remainder of duplicate records we have to discover opportunistically. Since we are a paperless practice, with full electronic links for pathology, cytology, out-of-hours reports, registrations, GP2GP/PDS, and because we scan all incoming mail and attach it to records, the opportunities to identify duplicate records are numerous.

Please can you tell me when your practice last reconciled your patient list

We only reconcile our list at the request of the Health Authority. To the best of our knowledge (we do not have exact dates recorded) we last reconciled with the Berkshire and Hampshire Health Authorities **about 2-3 years ago**. In light of the above, and that we have very good electronic links, the Health Authorities rarely feel the need to do this nowadays.

Please can you tell me if your practice submits data to the Hampshire Health Record

No, we do not.

This information is **publicly available** (and has been for some years):

- 1) Our website: Confidentiality page
<http://www.ymcentre.freeserve.co.uk/confid/confid.htm>
 - 2) My personal website about the NHS Database, which also refers to the CDR and the Oaklands Practice
<http://www.nhsdatabase.info>
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