**Proxy Access Guidance – Children**

**(For Sharing Patient Data)**

Request received from ‘parent’ to access to child’s record online

Child aged 11-15:

* The GP will need to assess whether the child has sufficient maturity and level of understanding regarding their health information and what allowing access to their health record entails. This may be at a consultation with the child or if the GP knows the child they can make their own assessment
* If the GP considers they are competent then consent must be obtained from the child not the parent
* If the GP considers the child is not yet competent, consent must be obtained from the parent however this must be reviewed either when the child reaches 13 or if the child is over 13 then the GP must set another review date
* If child is deemed as competent they may choose to allow their ‘parent’ to access their record. This must be documented and reviewed regularly (when the child attends the GP surgery)

*NB: The above guidance is in relation to access to patient data. Consent from a ‘parent’ may still be required for children up to the last day of their 15th year for access to medical treatment.*

Child is considered an ‘adult’ and does not need to be declared as ‘competent’

Consent must be obtained from the *child*.

**Yes**

Is the child 16 or over?

**No**

Competence of child must be assessed and consent potentially obtained from child.

(Guidance below)

**No**

**Yes**

Is the child competent?

Obtain consent from child

Obtain consent from ‘parent’ and proxy access can be granted. However this must be regularly reviewed by the GP. Once child reaches 13, competency must be re-assessed and access for ‘parent’ removed.

**Yes**

Ensure ‘parent’ has parental responsibility and then access can be granted

(Subject to any safeguarding information being redacted (hidden from view))

**Yes**

**No**

Is the child under 11?

Is the child aged between 11 and 15?