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### **Information Sharing with Healthcare Practitioners not employed by the NHS**

Thank you for informing us that you have received or are considering seeking additional treatment at the same time as you are receiving physiotherapy. In some cases it is considered appropriate to continue treatment with the two practitioners either for the same condition or for conditions that may impact in some way on each other.

Following discussion with you, the Physiotherapist may have outlined the importance of ensuring appropriate communication between themselves and the other Healthcare Professional in order to ensure appropriate and safe ongoing care is provided from both practitioners. Where this has been identified the physiotherapist will seek your explicit consent before contacting the other practitioner to discuss any treatment details or options. You will also need to instruct the other practitioner that you are happy for them to discuss your details with the physiotherapist.

It is important for you to appreciate that if you refuse to consent to the sharing of personal information this may prevent your physiotherapy treatment being provided within the Health Board.

If you decide to access treatment elsewhere, we advise you to check that the practitioner you choose is fully qualified and registered with their council or regulatory body. We have provided some websites below to help you with this.

All Physiotherapists (NHS and Private) should be registered with the Health and Care Professions Council. You may wish to check your physiotherapist is on the register at:- <http://www.hcpc-uk.org>

Chiropractors should be registered with the General Chiropractic Council. To check they are registered access the register at:- <http://www.gcc-uk.org>

Osteopaths should be registered with the General Osteopathic Council. To check they are registered access the register at:- <http://www.osteopathy.org.uk/>

For information about Complementary therapists, please access the Complementary and Natural Healthcare Council at:- <http://www.cnhc.org.uk>