Woolpit HEALTH CENTRE

The Department of Health has asked us to record the ethnic origin of all new patients.

This information will be added to your medical record.

If you do not wish to provide this, please tick the 'Information refused box' at the end of the list.

Name:	
Date of Birth:	
What is your first language:	

Ethnic origin (please tick the description which you feel is most appropriate)

White - British	
White – Irish	
Other White background	
Mixed – White and Black Caribbean	
Mixed – White and Black African	
Mixed – White and Black Asian	
Other mixed background	
Asian or Asian British – Indian	
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	
Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi	
Other Asian background	
Black or Black British – Caribbean	
Black or Black British – African	
Other Black background	
Chinese	
Other ethnic background	
Information refused	

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Why we are collecting information about your ethnic group

Everyone belongs to an ethnic group, so all our patients are being asked to describe their ethnic group. We are collecting this information to help the NHS and social services to:

- **Understand the needs** of patients and service users from different groups and so provide better and more appropriate services for you.

- **Identify risk factors –** some groups are more at risk of specific diseases and care needs, so ethnic group data can help treat patients and support service users by alerting staff to high-risk groups.

- **Improve public health** by making sure that our services are reaching all of our local communities and that we are delivering our services fairly to everyone who needs them.

- **Comply with the law** as the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 gives public authorities a duty to promote race equality and good race relations, and ethnic monitoring is important in making sure that race discrimination is not taking place.

- **The 16 ethnic groups** used are standard categories for collecting ethnic group information. Using these codes will help us to compare information about the groups using our services with information from the census which tells us about our local population.

The list of groups is designed to allow most people to identify themselves. The list is not intended to leave out any groups of people, but to keep the collection of ethnic information simple. It is important to us that you are able to **describe your own ethnic group.**

If you need to complete any of the boxes labelled 'any other group', then please give some details so that we can better understand your needs.

You do not have to complete the question but providing this information is very important. It will help us with diagnosis and assessment of your needs, and it will also help us to plan and improve our service. The information you provide will be treated as part of your confidential NHS record. The NHS and social services have strict standards regarding data protection, and your information will be carefully safeguarded.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding this request, or you want to make any comments or complaints about the collection of this information, or the way in which you have been treated by staff requesting this information, please contact the practice manager.