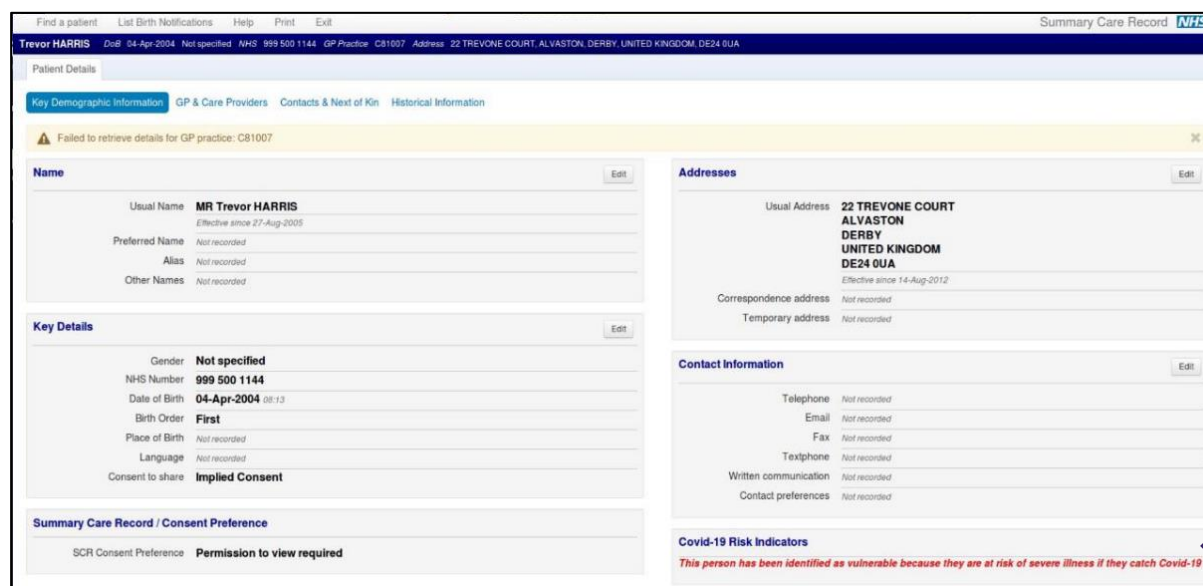# Summary Care Record (SCR) Shielded Patient Flag

This factsheet provides pharmacy teams with information about the SCR Shielded Patient Flag.

Background

The Shielded Patient Flag within SCR enables community pharmacy teams using NHS Digital's SCRa portal application to see an alert when viewing the SCR of a patient who is on the **shielded patient list**. The Shielded Patient Flag will support pharmacy team's decision making about how to best support those on that list. This flag went live within SCRa application from April 2020.

How does it work?

When pharmacy teams access the opening key demographics information tab (section within the SCRa portal of a relevant patient), an alert will be displayed – see image to right. A new "Covid-19 risk indicators" section will also be visible within this section (see below).

Framework for checking SCR Shielded Patient Flag: PSNC and NHS England and NHS Improvement have agreed that pharmacy professionals accessing the SCR information of their patients to check for the flag do not need to have to contact the patient to confirm the check for the flag i.e. specific consent is not necessary, particularly given that the flag is visible within the demographics tab and before moving onto the other SCR tabs with further information.

Next steps: Although the flag will initially only be visible within the NHS Spine SCRa application, it is hoped that clinical and PMR system suppliers that enable pharmacy teams to benefit from the SCR 1-click feature will also be able to display this information in the future, following appropriate development work. Further COVID-19 related information may be added to SCR in the future.

Read more at **psnc.org.uk/scr** or contact **it@psnc.org.uk** if you have a question.