

Table 3

Results of the Study

Question	Answer	<i>n</i>	Proportion (95% Confidence Interval)
1. Are you aware that your GP keeps a record on computer of your personal details and medical problems (a medical record)?	Yes	276	98% (95–99%)
	No	5	2% (1–4%)
	Don't know	1	0% (0–2%)
2. Do you think that your GP medical records are kept confidential (i.e., does your GP keep everything you say secret from anybody else not involved in your care)?	Yes	243	86% (81–90%)
	No	22	8% (5–12%)
	Don't know	18	6% (4–10%)
3. Do you think that other healthcare professionals working in the hospital or GP "out of hours" center have access to aspects of your GP medical records (e.g., what medicines you are prescribed or whether you have any allergies)?	Yes	168	60% (54–66%)
	No	51	18% (14–21%)
	Don't know	62	22% (17–27%)
4. Are you aware of the Emergency Care Summary system which allows healthcare professionals working in hospitals or at GP "out of hours" centers to access aspects of your GP medical records out of hours if you give your consent to this (e.g., what medicines you are prescribed and whether you have allergies)?	Yes	118	42% (36–48%)
	No	131	47% (41–51%)
	Don't know	30	11% (7–15%)
5. The envelope contains a leaflet about the Emergency Care Summary system. Have you seen this leaflet (which was posted to every household in Scotland) before?	Yes	43	16% (12–21%)
	No	219	80% (75–86%)
	Don't know	12	4% (2–8%)
6. If you have read this leaflet or heard of this before, did you decide that:	You were happy for your record to be part of the system	49	92% (82–98%)
	You were unhappy about your record being included in the system but didn't do anything about it	0	0% (0–6%)

	You were unhappy about your record being included in the system and opted out	0	0% (0–6%)
	You did not realize that your record was going to be included in the system	4	8% (2–18%)
7. Having read the leaflet “Your Emergency Care Summary,” are you now happy that your details are included in the system?	Yes	267	97% (94–99%)
	No	3	1% (0–3%)
	Don’t know	6	2% (1–2%)