# 'SEND DATA TO' FUNCTION

The 'Send Data To' function allows practices to send a de-identified CAT4 data file from within CAT4 to an external location of their choice. Extracts that have not been de-identified using the steps described in the next chapter (11) can't be sent and CAT4 will show an error message if a user attempts to send a not de-identified file.
CAT4 will first compress the data file and then send it using the selected method.
The function allows data to be sent securely via

1) Email (MAPI or Other);

2) Secure FTP or

**Submitting data by email is often limited by settings on your email system prohibiting large attachments. For larger clinics (more than 10000 patients) we strongly recommend to set up data submission via FTP or Send to PATCAT**

FTP does not have the size restrictions and is a safer way to send data as it is using a secure transmission. The receiving organisation needs to set up the FTP server before this method can be used and also needs to supply the FTP details.