

DATA PROTECTION OFFICE NEWS

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Access to records update

In response to the imposed contract, the GP Committee of the BMA have recently published updated guidance:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/gp-practices/gp-service-provision/updated-guidance-on-accelerated-access-to-gp-held-patient-records>

As you will see in the guidance, the GPC are taking further legal steps in challenging the way this is being rolled out and we will update you further as these challenges progress.

Concerns about enabling access to prospective data via the NHS app and similar apps, which the Association of GM LMCs listed in the attached statement, still haven't been mitigated. I will be attending the Oldham Practice Managers' forum in September and the Tameside admin Target meeting in October to further discuss this scheme of work and the associated ongoing concerns, including lack of funding and resources and inadequate redaction software.

Caldicott Guardian training

<https://www.ukcgc.uk/>

The UK Caldicott Guardian Council will be delivering a training session via Teams on Tuesday 5th December. If you wish to book onto this session, please contact Helen Dyer at helen.dyer10@nhs.net

Data Protection training

Having received requests for training from several practices, I have started to deliver Data Protection training sessions for GP practice teams. There are online training sessions from a variety of providers available, but if you would prefer a short F2F session, I am very happy to come out to your practice building to support you with this.

Barts Health NHS Trust/ Manchester University Cyber attacks

You may already be aware that recently both Barts Health NHS Trust and Manchester University have been victims of cyber-attacks. Although the scale of the incidents has not yet been identified, it is likely that huge amounts of personal data will have been breached by both organisations. Please do be vigilant; ensuring the source email address is from a legitimate sender, and never opening email attachments if you are not expecting them.

If you wish to discuss any of the above, or any other Data Protection concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07951 530 417 or janehilldpo@nhs.net