

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.

Summary Care Record change of system

I am aware that GPs don't ordinarily access the Summary Care Record; however, I just wanted to make you aware that the SCR is being replaced by a new system. After 29th September the URL that is currently used will be inaccessible and replaced with the new NCRS (National Care Records service).

[Switch over from SCRa to NCRS - NHS Digital](#)

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Data Security & Protection Toolkit – annual submission deadline

The deadline for the submission of your practice's annual Data Security & Protection Toolkit return is Friday 30th June.

[Log In \(dsptoolkit.nhs.uk\)](https://dsptoolkit.nhs.uk)

As you will be aware, the DSPT is an annual assessment that must be completed by all organisations which have access to NHS patient data. The toolkit provides assurances that GP practices and other organisations have the proper measures in place to ensure that this information is kept safe and secure, by measuring their performance against the National Data Guardian's 10 data security standards. I have attached a spreadsheet, which should help with the completion of the toolkit; please refer to columns L & M for required evidence items specific to GP practices.

If you require any further support, please do not hesitate to contact me. Alternatively, you can contact the DSPT helpdesk directly at Exeter.helpdesk@nhs.net/ Tel: 0300 303 4034.

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.

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 Jane.hilldpo@nhs.net or westpennine.lmc@nhs.net