

# DATA PROTECTION OFFICE NEWS

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### NHS England Accelerating patient access programme

Although the NHS Digital website is still stating that this programme of work will be implemented from April 2022, it has been delayed until at least July 2022.

[Access to patient records through the NHS App - NHS Digital](#)

However, I would advise GP Data Controllers and their teams to continue preparing for this initiative, which will enable patients over the age of 13 to access the prospective data in their health record via the NHS app. A new Snomed code has been developed: **1364731000000104** "*Enhanced review indicated before granting own access to health record*". You may wish to add this code to selected records to prevent them from being accessed via the NHS app without an "enhanced review" taking place first.

### Completion of DSPT – deadline 30th June 2022

The deadline for practices to complete their annual Data Security & Protection Toolkit submission is 30th June 2022. I am aiming to arrange a meeting over the next few weeks to support Practice Managers with this piece of work, should they wish to attend. In the meantime, you are welcome to contact me with any ad hoc queries, or they can be directed to the following email address: [exeter.helpdesk@nhs.net](mailto:exeter.helpdesk@nhs.net) or phone: 0300 303 4034

### New Information Sharing e learning resource

Health Education England and the NHS Transformation Directorate have launched a [new IG elearning module on information sharing](#) to support frontline and admin staff. It uses real life scenarios to help you to understand the principles of sharing information and how to apply them in your job. To access the module, which is free

of charge and takes no longer than 30 minutes to complete, please visit the [Information sharing programme page](#).

## **National Data opt out compliance – 31st July 2022**

The mandatory implementation of the National Data Opt-Out, deadline of 31 March 2022, has now been extended until **31st July 2022**. As set out in the [Operational Policy Guidance](#), the opt-out applies to the disclosure of confidential patient information for purposes beyond an individual's direct care across the health and care system in England, unless an exemption has been granted.

In advance of July 31st, you will need to update your practice privacy notice, as well as any policies and procedures referring to data processing. You also need to ensure that patients are aware of their options - you can access material/ resources here [Information for GP practices - NHS Digital](#)

## **Information sharing Gateway**

GDPR Article 30 dictates that all Data Controllers should have an up-to-date R.O.P.A. (Register of Processing Activities). The Information Sharing Gateway is a useful toolkit for tracking the data flows in and out of your practice.

[Home Page - Information Sharing Gateway](#)

Several Data Processing Agreements have been added to the Information Sharing Gateway this month. It would be much appreciated if you could please log on to the ISG to sign off/ give data controller approval of the following agreements:

### **For practices in T&G:**

- Cievert – A retrospective agreement for the Covid vaccination appointment booking system for all practice in Tameside & Glossop and the flu vaccination booking for Hyde & Stalybridge PCN practices
- My Way Diabetes – a platform to enable improved self-care by diabetic patients
- Medical Examiners – An agreement to allow Medical Examiners to access the clinical system to review the record of deceased patients and access Next of Kin contact details.

### **For practices in Oldham:**

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**If you require any further information about the above, or any other Data Protection issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jane.hilldpo@nhs.net](mailto:jane.hilldpo@nhs.net) or [westpennine.lmc@nhs.net](mailto:westpennine.lmc@nhs.net) or mobile 07951 530 417**