

DATA PROTECTION OFFICE NEWS

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Apache vulnerability

NHS Digital have alerted colleagues about a critical vulnerability regarding Apache Log4j v2, also known as Log4Shell or Logjam. (Apache is a software foundation which runs on web servers.)

We have received confirmation that EMIS / TPP is not affected by this. It would be advisable to contact any web-based suppliers, which you have independently sourced for use at your practice, in order to ensure the data you hold is not at risk.

NHS Digital/ NHS X Accelerating patient access to health records via NHS App

As a result of the GPC putting pressure on NHS England, this programme has now been paused until April 2022. I am mindful however, that April will be with us before we know it! I will share a concise guidance document in the new year, and I would recommend you advise all GP practice staff and anyone else who inputs into the clinical record that from April 2022 patients aged 13 and over will be able to access any prospective data via the NHS app.

My Way Diabetes platform

Graham Hayler, IG Lead at Manchester CCG, is working on the contract and as this still hasn't been finalised, it obviously presents a risk for GP data controllers. For that reason, I would recommend you and your patients don't use this platform for the time being.

The My Way Diabetes team have recently chosen to commission Kaleidoscope, an independent IG consultancy, to develop a new MWD DPIA template and GP Data Processing Agreements to ensure best practice.

Information Sharing Gateway

For practices in Oldham:

The following Data sharing agreement is on the ISG and requires data controller sign off:

- NCA SystemOne to Oldham Primary Care EMIS sharing agreement was uploaded to the ISG for data controller sign off in July 2021. It has since been updated to include the sharing of Pennine MSK data.

For practices in T&G:

The following DPIAs/ Data sharing agreements are now on the ISG and require data controller sign off:

- GM Care Record - Heart Failure care plan DPIA
- SMASH PINCER - This is a national initiative aiming to reduce clinical errors in Medicines Management.
- STOMP- stopping over medication of people with a learning disability, autism, or both with psychotropic medicines. This will involve Clinical Pharmacists from the Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust accessing patient records.

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 or westpennine.lmc@nhs.net or mobile 07951 530 417