

DATA PROTECTION OFFICE NEWS

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NHS Data Security and Protection Toolkit

As I'm sure you're aware, the deadline for the completion of the DSPT is 31st March 2020. The ICO recently flagged that ALL data breaches (regardless of the impact they have had/ could have) should be recorded on the DSPT, forming the practice's data breach register.

National Data opt-out compliance

NHS Digital wrote out to all GP Practices in August 2019 explaining the practice compliance requirements for the National Data opt-out programme. By way of reminder, I have attached this letter, as well as the GP Practice compliance checklist. The deadline for compliance this is 31st March 2020.

Type 2 opt out codes were previously in use and these codes must now be replaced. Please follow the link for instructions on how to run this search on EMIS/TTP:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out/information-for-gp-practices#practices-must-no-longer-record-type-2-opt-outs->

Health Checks in Glossopdale - update

There is currently a pause on NHS Healthchecks provision in the Glossopdale area. TCR have been contracted by Derbyshire County Council to carry out the Health Checks, but unfortunately TCR's data processing proposal is not GDPR compliant. TCR have requested that they extract the *full* medical record for *all* registered patients. Clearly this is excessive and not necessary for the Health checks. We flagged this with TCR, who informed us that the agreement was passed off by NHS Digital. We are now liaising with NHS Digital and hopefully this issue can be resolved promptly.

Removal of fax machines from General Practice

As you will know, the GP contract states that GP practices will no longer use fax machines for either NHS or patient communications by April 2020. I have attached a best practice guidance document for your information.



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If you require any further information about any of the above, or any other data protection issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at westpenninelmc@btconnect.com, or mobile 07951 530 417