DATA PROTECTION OFFICE NEWS

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GM Care Record

The GM Care Record is now established. All but one of the GP practices in Oldham have signed off the data sharing agreement and in Tameside & Glossop 29 of the 37 practices have signed it off. If you haven't already signed off the agreement on the Information Sharing Gateway, please do so and if you have any concerns about it, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I was asked to review the DPIA for secondary uses for Covid-19 purpose research by Manchester university. As this project is using anonymous data, it was fairly straightforward.

You can read more about the GM Care Record in the attached weekly stakeholder brief:



NHS Digital - Data Provision Notice As you will be aware, practices have now been mandated by the NHS Digital Data Provision Notice to extract fortnightly data via GPES (the GP Extraction Service). The data is to be sent to a SPOC (Single Point of Contact) at NHS Digital. The DPN has been supported by the RCGP and the GPC as it should make life easier for GP practices - any requests for Covid-19 purpose data, for example from CCGs, now needs to go through this SPOC at NHS Digital.

Please see the attached Data Provision Notice for further details.

Track & Trace App

You may have noticed the media have gone quiet about the app! I was on a national DPO call with NHSX last week and it was confirmed that there are ongoing IG issues with the app, which are currently being worked through by the Information Commissioner's Office.

GM Contact Tracing scheme

You will though have heard about the national Covid-19 Trace & Track scheme (not an app!) which is being led by Public Health England. If "complex cases" test positive with Covid-19 their contacts will be traced. There is to be a GM hub which will be staffed by NHS England Staff.

Business as Usual – Data breaches

As is the norm, I have dealt with a few breaches this month. As human error will always occur, data breaches will always happen. If you have a data breach at your practice, please do not hesitate to contact me and I can guide you through the process.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at westpenninelmc@btconnect.com, or mobile 07951 530 417