

DATA PROTECTION OFFICE NEWS

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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 have attached a spreadsheet with Hints & tips to help with the completion of the toolkit – you need to refer to columns O and P. If you require any further assistance with the completion of the toolkit, please do not hesitate to contact me at Jane.hilldpo@nhs.net

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](#).

NHS England Accelerating patient access programme

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

In order to mitigate the risks associated with this proposal, this programme of work has now been paused until summer 2022 at the earliest. 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.

National Data opt Out compliance – 31st July 2022

The deadline for the mandatory implementation of the National Data Opt-Out (NDOO), 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](#)

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