

DATA PROTECTION OFFICE NEWS

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Data sharing agreements on the ISG (Information Sharing Gateway)

The DSA enabling GP practices in Tameside & Glossop and Willow Wood Hospice to have bi-directional read only access via EMIS has just been uploaded to the ISG for data controller sign-off.

The DSA for the rollout of the Elemental system, to be used by social prescribers across Oldham was added to the ISG towards the end of January. A DSA for allowing Docman reports to be fed into the GM Care Record via Graphnet has also been added to the ISG for sign-off by the GP practice data controllers in Oldham.

I have been involved in the development of the DPIAs (Data Protection Impact Assessments) for these three data sharing initiatives and I am satisfied that they meet all relevant Data Protection and Information Governance requirements and will benefit both GPs and their patients.

COPI notice

I wrote to all practices at the beginning of the month to confirm that the "COPI Notice" (Notice under Regulation 3(4) of the NHS Control of Patient Information Regulations 2002) has now been extended until September 30th, 2021. The COPI notice provides a temporary legal basis to allow the sharing and processing of patient data with a COVID-19 purpose.

I have attached a letter with further detail about the COPI notice. If you haven't already done so, I advise you to add this to the practice privacy notice on your website, with a note about the recently announced extension.



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National Data opt out compliance deadline

In recognition of the pressure the healthcare system is currently under, the deadline for demonstrating compliance with the National Data Opt Out programme has also been extended until 30 September 2021.

Submission of DSPT return

The deadline for submitting your Data Security & Protection Toolkit return is June 30th, 2021. As the NDOO compliance deadline is now after the DSPT submission date, the element referring to the opt out is now a non-mandatory evidence item. I am aiming to provide you with hints and tips to help with the completion of the toolkit nearer the time.

FOI request

Several practices contacted me about a Freedom of Information request from St Andrew's University, asking for practices' Gifts and Hospitality register. The GPC (the BMA's GP Committee) flagged the fact that practices are extremely busy focusing on the pandemic and the vaccination programme. As a result, the university apologised and withdrew their request.

GM Care Record development - DCR 1 & 2

Enabling the Detailed Care Record 1 & 2 in the EMIS system means live GP data can now be fed into the Problems and Medicines tiles on the GM Care Record. Previously it was an overnight feed, which meant clinicians were still having to contact GP practices for up-to-date information about the patient. As the principles of data processing, as outlined in the GMIGG GM Care Record DPIA, remain the same, a separate DPIA is not required for this development. However, Jenny Spiers – GM IG Lead who developed the GMIGG DPIA, will add an addendum to reflect the change.

GM Care Record – January 2021 update

Further developments are summarised in the attached GM Care Record update, which also outlines details of an online interactive workshop, which you may be interested in joining to enable better understanding of the GMCR. The workshop is set to take place on 25th February 2021 at 12 midday to 1.15pm.



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