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Proposal by GMSS to access GP Practices in Oldham using smart cards

Andrea Hughes, Oldham CCG IG Manager, flagged this proposal at last week's Oldham PM forum and she has requested that you contact her to let her know that you, as data controller, are happy with the arrangement andrea.hughes3@nhs.net. Andrea and I have reviewed the associated DPIA, and we are satisfied that the proposal meets all relevant Data Protection and Information Governance requirements.

NHS Digital GP Practice Data collection for planning and research

NHS Digital has been directed to collect, process, analyse and disseminate general practice data to support the purposes set out in the GP Data for Planning and Research Direction 2021.

You may have already received an email from EMIS/ TPP, requesting that you activate the data sharing agreement for the NHS Digital Data collection for Planning and Research.

Patients have a right to opt out of their data being shared by registering a Type 1 Opt-out or a National Data Opt-out, or both. It is likely that the majority of patients are unaware of NHS Digital's initiative and I therefore advise you to contact your patients, perhaps via an AccuRx or Mjog text message, to highlight their options and reassure them that opting out using either option will not affect the individual care received from their GP practice. The data collection is due to start on 1st July 2021, so patients would need to opt out by 23rd June 2021.

Data Sharing Agreements on Information Sharing Gateway

There are some data sharing initiatives on the ISG, which are still awaiting data controller sign off. It would be much appreciated if you could check the ISG, and please do let me know if you have any queries.

The following DPIAs have been recently uploaded onto the ISG for data controller sign off. In both cases, I have scrutinised the DPIAs and am satisfied that these data

sharing initiatives meets all relevant data protection and Information Governance requirements.

For practices in T&G:

Willow Wood – GP Practices

This is to enable bidirectional read only data sharing for Willow Wood hospice and the GP practices in T&G.

For practices in Oldham:

UEC by appointment

In response to the Urgent Care by Appointment initiative, the CCG are currently commissioning a Primary Care Led Urgent Care Service from the Integrated Care Centre (ICC) in Oldham and a Pre-ED Rapid Assessment at The Royal Oldham Hospital A & E Department.

My Way Diabetes - Update

Further to last month's update, I have ongoing concerns about the My Way Diabetes data sharing agreement, particularly around the proposed EMIS bulk upload. The project team's justification for extracting data for all diabetics is that they need to populate the "My Way clinical platform", which is to be used by clinicians and GPs. I pointed out that most GPs would prefer all clinical information to be contained in their clinical system and it's unlikely that a separate app would be utilised. The proposed initiative is now being looked at by Dr Tracy Vell and Guy Lucci from the GM NHS Innovation team and I advise you not to engage with the My Way Diabetes project until further notice.

NHS Data Security & Protection Toolkit – deadline 30th June 2021

The deadline for submitting your 2020-21 DSPT return is 30th June 2021. If you require any support with the completion of the toolkit, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Staff Training videos (in folder)

The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership have developed two very good videos, one explaining The Duty of Confidentiality and the other looking at Developing Good data applications. You may find them a useful tool for staff training; the links are here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQl2lFjZ0rk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGTbplrWJGg>

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