



## National Data Advisory Group Minutes

<b>Date</b>	02 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022	<b>Time</b>	14:30-16:00
<b>Venue</b>	MS Teams		
<b>Chair</b>	Louise Greenrod		
<b>Secretary</b>	██████████		

### Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Louise Greenrod (chair)	Deputy Director of Data Policy, NHS Transformation Directorate	
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Dr Nicola Byrne	National Data Guardian for Health and Care	
Louis Holmes	Policy Manager, Care England	



Philippa Lynch	Senior Data Specialist, Local Government Association	
Chris Carrigan	Expert Data Adviser, Use MY Data	
Nicola Perrin	Chief Executive, Association of Medical Research Charities	
Shivani Shah	Head of Programmes, Patient's Association	Deputy for Rachel Power
Matt Hennessey	Regional system rep, Greater Manchester Health Social Care Partnership	
Linn Philips	NHS patient and public voice partner	

## Apologies

Name	Title
Rachel Power	Chief Executive, Patient's Association
Helen Stokes-Lampard	Chair, Academy of Medical Royal Colleges
Mavis Machirori	Senior Researcher, Ada Lovelace Institute
Marc Farr	Regional system rep, East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust
Michelle Thompson	NHS patient and public voice partner

## Minutes

Actions			
#	Meeting Date	Action	Owner
2.01	02/11/22	[Commitment delivery update] Discuss with commitment owners whether more granularity to ratings for commitments is available, in particular SDE delivery.	Data Strategy Team
2.02	02/22/22	Next commitment delivery update to include cover note to bring attention to those commitments where want groups input, as well as a more detailed RAG rating.	Data Strategy Team



2.03	02/11/22	<p>Questions on specific commitment areas:</p> <p>Check with commitment owners who the audience for the 'fit-for-purpose rules around different types of data' commitment will be.</p> <p>Return to group with outcome of discussions regarding how to improve issue of sequencing of work ongoing in the IG space being at odds with policy announcements.</p>	Data Strategy Team
2.04	02/11/22	Share draft regulations for transition of functions of NHSD to NHSE with group, for information	■
2.05	02/11/22	Arrange discussion with the group about how best to deliver commitment to monitor public trust, including further consideration around the role of proactive comms.	Data Strategy Team / ■
2.06	02/11/22	Share information on existing PR campaign with the group	■
2.07	02/11/22	Arrange discussion in future meeting about planned communications research programme	■
2.08	02/11/22	Link with Patients Association on University of Manchester research into acceptable data sharing	■
2.09	02/11/22	Arrange a specific discussion on how to reassure people about current/future uses of the FDP, with further information / feedback from FDP colleagues to come. [spec. Confirm detail on FDP use cases and responses to questions from meeting]	Data Strategy Team
2.10	02/11/22	Arrange discussion on governance of data strategy	Data Strategy Team

**Item 1) Welcome and introductions**

LG opened the meeting, introduced herself as the new chair, and welcomed attendees.

**Item 2) Actions and wider update**

Action log was shared prior to meeting.

No comments.

**Item 3) Commitment delivery update**



A paper was shared prior to the meeting outlining key commitments most relevant to the NDAG, ordered by deadline.

■ presented – explaining that most commitments were either on track or had small changes to deadline or other points of detail. The group discussed those that were red-rated, and the mitigations in place. Members also provided feedback on the format of this update, and how it could be improved for future meetings.

**Action 2.01.** Consider breaking down commitments with lots of sub-elements into separate elements, to provide more granularity (SDE commitment an example).

**Action 2.02.** For the next meeting, the team will provide a short cover note, highlight key areas for discussion. The team will also work towards a more nuanced way of RAG rating commitments – focused on whether or not they are off track, as well as the risk inherent in each (seriousness of risk, likelihood).

**Action 2.03.** Questions on specific areas:

- For the commitment to define pseudonymisation, check with policy team who will be the audiences for the guidance.
- Members provided feedback that IG and other guidance can be at odds with requests from Government / those working at national level. Team to feed this back to relevant colleagues in the Joint Unit.

#### Item 4) Merger of NHS Digital with NHS England – update

■ presented – providing an update on the transferring of functions of NHS Digital to NHS England and highlighting that the initial timeline has been accelerated so that, legislation permitting, it will be delivered at the start of 2023.

The group discussed the importance of ensuring sufficient recognition for ASC and enabling local authorities to access health data in the new arrangements.

**Action 2.04** – ■ to share draft regulations with group, for information

#### Item 5) Data Protection and Digital Information Bill: Impact on the data strategy

■ presentation on the information standards clause in upcoming DCMS bill disrupted due to technical issues.

Slides to be shared and will follow up any questions outside of meeting.

#### Item 6) Data Pact – Update

■ presented - explaining that, as a result of feedback received from the NDG, we are now in the process of arranging focus groups with the public to gather information on the best language to use and what content the public expect to see in the data pact. The group discussed the timeframes for delivery [estimated summer 2023] and current thinking about 'key themes' for the content of the pact.



<p>The group were asked to provide further, future, input to the design of the focus groups.</p>
<p><b>Item 7) Public Perceptions of Health and Care Data</b></p>
<p>■ presented – providing the group with an overview of what we already know in terms of public perceptions of health and care data, highlighting the commitment within data strategy – “We will agree, with the expert group, how we will transparently measure and monitor levels and drivers of public trust so that all organisations using health and care data have up to date information about the public’s attitudes to data use.”</p> <p>The group discussed this commitment and public trust more broadly, commenting that there is a need to understand trust in data among specific population groups and in specific contexts, so that we can have tailored conversations – both individually and regionally. The group felt that there was a need to move towards being clearer about ‘trust in what’. Additionally, the importance of working openly and having proactive, positive communications strategies were highlighted.</p> <p>The group suggested that there were missed opportunities to work more closely with the regions and to have a more ‘joined up’ approach to communications, as well as suggesting the possibility to include a voluntary question in the National Data Opt-Out to ask why people are opting out.</p> <p><b>Action 2.05 - Return to the group to discuss how best to deliver this commitment, including further consideration around the role of proactive comms.</b></p> <p>■ presented - updating on the planned communications public confidence campaign and research being commissioned to inform our comms/engagement approach going forward- this will look to consider different demographic groups and tailor approaches to them. Additionally highlighted current work to develop a cohesive narrative around data programmes.</p> <p><b>Action 2.06 – ■ to share information on existing PR campaign with the group</b></p> <p><b>Action 2.07 – ■ to provide more information about research programme</b></p> <p>SS of Patients Association highlighted work ongoing with the University of Manchester looking at acceptable data sharing and reasons for opting out, which could be beneficial to link with.</p> <p><b>Action 2.08 – ■ to link with Patients Association on this research</b></p>
<p><b>Item 8) National Data Opt-Out</b></p>
<p>Unable to present due to technical issues – to return for next meeting.</p>



**Item 9) Federated Data Platform**

Presenter unable to attend.

■ gave brief update – explaining that we are in the final clearances to issue the contract notice for the FDP, which would include all technical specifications for what we are looking to procure, and that information will also be published on the NHSE website.

The group asked for clarity over who the FDP users will be and the FDP communication strategy – specifically how we intend to reassure people about the potential future scope of the FDP. The group discussed the need for a clear communications message and the importance of governance and transparency in order to build confidence in the system.

**Action 2.09 – arrange a specific discussion on how to reassure people about current/future uses of the FDP, with further information / feedback from FDP colleagues to come. [spec. Confirm detail on FDP use cases and responses to questions from meeting]**

**AOB and CLOSE**

The group asked for further information on governance of data strategy There was a discussion around work ongoing to rationalise engagement fora and PPEI, as well as governance processes.

**Action 2.10 – come back to group with further information on governance of data strategy**

■ raised 'Evaluation of the Data Strategy' as an AOB, explaining that the Data Strategy team are working to produce a proposal for the evaluation of the data strategy, with the aim to assess success of strategy in terms of achieving intended impacts, and that we would value feedback on this work from this group.

Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Slides and minutes will be circulated.