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NHS Digital

Purpose of Meeting: GP Data Programme Board

Date: 02/06/20   **Time:** 12.00 – 13.00

Location: MS Teams conference call

Attendees	Role	Organisation
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Jackie Gray (JG)	Executive Director of Information Governance	NHS Digital
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Tom Denwood (TD)	Executive Director of Data, Insights & Statistics	NHS Digital

1. **Welcome, introduction and agenda**
   1.1.   REDACTED (Chair) welcomed the meeting attendees.

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2. Review of Minutes and Actions from the Previous Board Meeting

2.1.   <mark>REDACTED</mark> advised that the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2020 would be accepted as an accurate record if no objections were raised by the end of the day. The actions and decisions were discussed; regarding action GPD129, <mark>REDACTED</mark>

3. Programme Director Update

3.1.   GP Connect (GPC) Update

<mark>Redacted</mark>

3.2.   GP Appointments Data (GPAD) Update

<mark>Redacted</mark>

3.3.   GP Data for Planning and Research (GPDfPR) Update

3.3.1.   <mark>REDACTED</mark> informed the board that following a number of requests in relation to acceleration of the GPDfPR delivery, the British Medical Association (BMA) and Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) requested from NHSD a tactical solution to reduce burden on general practice in relation to demand for access to data.

3.3.2.   The approach taken was to collect once and use many times; the decision had been made to use the well-established General Practice Extraction Service (GPES) to collect data from all practices in England through bi-weekly data extracts from all suppliers.

3.3.3.   <mark>REDACTED</mark> continued that the collections supported the need of planning and research in relation solely to Covid-19. In terms of statutory obligations, NHSD held the role of data controller and the extracts were run under the Covid-19 Public Health Direction.

3.3.4.   Members heard that the agreement with the profession had been made to implement an additional step in the assurance process; BMA and RCGP would review the applications for access data and provide feedback, which would be included in the pack presented to IGARD (the Independent Group Advising on the Release of Data).

3.3.5.   <mark>REDACTED</mark> advised that the programme team had produced a significant amount of communications and provided transparency information to practices, supporting practice staff and the patients. This involved working with patients' groups and other stakeholders to develop transparency materials and communications which seeks to balance information on the privacy and protections of the data with the benefits of sharing data.

3.3.6.   <mark>REDACTED</mark> reported that the National Data Guardian (NDG) panel had been briefed on the GPES Covid-19 collection, which also included discussion to ensure a clear exit strategy for the GPES Data for Pandemic Planning and Research.

3.3.7.   The first data collection had commenced on 27 May and participation rate was 86%. The expectation was that the data stream for end users would commence on 8 June.

3.3.8.   <mark>REDACTED</mark> queried what data was collected. <mark>REDACTED</mark> explained that a large volume of the Covid-19 related SNOMED codes was extracted for planning and research purposes; cohort details were available on the NHSD website.

3.3.9.   <mark>REDACTED</mark> raised questions around value that was added to the system via those collections. <mark>REDACTED</mark> explained that the extracts supported high profile

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research studies and feedback would be received; there was a need to look into planning and identify how the CCGs could provide feedback ongoing.

3.3.10. <mark>REDACTED</mark> highlighted another benefit of running the pandemic GPES extracts, which related to the strategic dataset (GP Data for Planning and Research). The GPDfPR team would learn from the progress made with the tactical solution. <mark>REDACTED</mark> added that the pandemic environment had accelerated the pace of work with stakeholders and technical progress.

4. Any Other Business – none raised. The Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 13:00.

The next GP Data Programme Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, 30/06/20, 12 – 13:00 via MS Teams