

**Health and Social Care Information Centre**

**Board Meeting**

**Public Session**

Title of Paper:	Code of Practice on Confidential Information
Board meeting date:	26 November 2014
Agenda Item No:	HSCIC 14 07 05 (a)
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Paper approved by (Sponsor Director)	Rob Shaw, Director of Operations and Assurance Services
Purpose of the paper:	Decision
Risks and Issues:	HSCIC must not publish the code without the approval of the Secretary of State and, to an extent, NHS England. It is anticipated that the necessary approvals will be forthcoming in time for, or shortly after, this board meeting.
Patient/Public Interest:	The code of practice provides a practical guide on how organisations should treat confidential information.
Actions required by the Board:	Approval of the publication of the Code of Practice on Confidential Information