

Data releases made by HSCIC as data processor and data releases by HSCIC predecessor organisations

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Background

Sir Nick Partridge reported: “As a non-executive director of the Health and Social Care Information Centre, I was asked by the Board on 5th March 2014 to lead a review of data released by the NHS Information Centre (NHS IC), one of our predecessor organisations. From April 2005 to March 2013, its role had been to collect and manage health records data, including sharing it with third parties under data sharing agreements which restricted its use.”

The June 2014 HSCIC Board: “Requested that a complete list of data releases made by the HSCIC as data processor be prepared for the Board, together with a list of data releases made by predecessor organisations of the HSCIC other than the former NHS Information Centre.”

This interim report describes the approach being used to gather the lists of releases, and presents the results so far.

Complete information of HSCIC releases as data processor, and data releases by predecessor organisations will be available in the 2nd October 2014 register of data releases.

Data Processor Data Releases

‘Data processor’ , in relation to personal data, means any person (other than an employee of the data controller) who processes the data on behalf of the data controller.

All of the data releases made by HSCIC as data processor are made by the Systems and Service Delivery team (SSD), based in Exeter.

The SSD team maintains a register of data releases which they enact as data processor. The register includes details which are not relevant for publication – for example, the names of individual HSCIC employees who authorise steps within the release process. An edited publishable view of the register is being prepared.

HSCIC Predecessor Organisation Data Releases:

Predecessor organisations of the HSCIC, other than the former NHS Information Centre, are Connecting for Health (CFH) and the ten Strategic Health Authorities (SHAs).

Connecting for Health (CFH) Data Releases

Each team identified has been approached to acquire details of any sensitive data releases, any queries are resolved and summaries presented in the tables below. Details of each data release identified will be added to a Predecessor Organisation Data Release List.

The following tables detail the findings so far for each CFH team:

Programme Team	Status
Spine	No data releases identified other than those already tracked by NHS IC.
Summary Care Record	No data releases identified
Demographics	No data releases identified other than those already tracked by NHS IC.
Electronic Prescriptions Service	Investigations ongoing/records being checked.
GPSoC	Investigations ongoing/records being checked.
Choose and Book	No data releases identified other than those already tracked by NHS IC.
NHS Pathways	Investigations ongoing/records being checked.
Identity Management / RA	Investigations ongoing/records being checked.
Picture Archiving and Communications System	No data releases identified
Spine Data Transfer Service	No data releases identified
SSD Exeter	Investigations ongoing/records being checked.
QMAS	No data releases identified

Strategic Health Authority Data Releases

Information about SHA sensitive data releases is being gathered from the Department of Health Legacy Team, former SHA employees and archived records.

SHA Code	SHA Name	Status
Q30	North East SHA	Investigation ongoing
Q31	North West SHA	Investigation ongoing
Q32	Yorkshire and the Humber SHA	No data releases identified
Q33	East Midlands SHA	Investigation ongoing
Q34	West Midlands SHA	Investigation ongoing
Q35	East of England SHA	No data releases identified
Q36	London SHA	Investigation ongoing
Q37	South East Coast SHA	Investigation ongoing
Q38	South Central SHA	Investigation ongoing
Q39	South West SHA	Investigation ongoing

Actions Required of the Board

For information.