Health and Social Care Information Centre

Board Meeting

Public Session

Title of Paper:	Code of practice on confidential information – Update following public consultation
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Purpose of the paper:	Provide an update on the Health and Social Care Information Centre consultation as part of the requirement to publish a code of practice on confidential information and to propose an approach to approval and publication of that code of practice.
Risks and Issues:	Publishing the code of practice on confidential information is a statutory duty. Early publication will miss an opportunity to take into account imminent regulations for accredited safe havens (ASH).
Patient/Public Interest:	Improving the handling of confidential information concerning the delivery of health or adult social care
Actions required by the Board:	• To note the paper • To agree an approach to approving and publishing the code of practice on confidential information