

Data Provision Notice

Acute Data Alignment Programme (ADAPt) Discovery Data Collection

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Background

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 (the Act) gives the Health and Social Care Information Centre, now known as [NHS Digital](#) and hereafter referred to by this name, statutory powers, under section 259(1)(a), to require data from health or social care bodies, or organisations that provide publicly funded health or adult social care in England, where it has been Directed to establish an information system by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care or NHS England, or as part of a Mandatory Request from a Principal Body defined in section 255(9) of the Act. NHS Digital also has statutory powers, under section 259(1)(b), to request data from any other person.

The data, as specified by NHS Digital in this published Data Provision Notice, is required to support a Direction from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to NHS Digital. Therefore, organisations that are in scope of the notice falling under section 259(1)(a), are legally required, under section 259(5) of the Act, to provide the data in the form and manner specified below. Organisations falling under section 259(1)(b) are requested to provide the data in a form and manner specified below.

Purpose of the collection

The Secretary of State has directed NHS Digital to collect and analyse private healthcare data in connection with the Acute Data Alignment Programme (ADAPt).

The Acute Data Alignment Programme (ADAPt), a joint initiative between NHS Digital and the Private Healthcare Information Network (PHIN), is exploring how data collected by PHIN from UK private healthcare providers could be aligned to NHS data standards and integrated into relevant NHS quality and safety reporting systems.

These proposals will also support one of the key recommendations of the [Independent Inquiry into the Issues raised by Paterson](#), namely the creation of a single repository of the whole practice of consultants across England.

NHS Digital is requesting that the Private Healthcare Information Network (PHIN) (or their Data Processor(s)) provide a feed of identifiable private healthcare Admitted Patient Care (APC) data.

This will comprise the collection of private healthcare APC MDS relating to private healthcare providers participating in the pilot. This information is currently collected by PHIN from private healthcare providers to meet the legal requirement of the [CMA Private Healthcare Investigation Order 2014 \(as amended\)](#).

Private healthcare APC data is required by NHS Digital to undertake data linkage, including to NHS funded activity data and mortality data, and analysis to assess the feasibility of using private healthcare data to meet a variety of key stakeholder use cases.

The information will be analysed to assess:

- whether there are service delivery and patient care benefits in combining NHS and private healthcare data;

- whether such collection could support a reduction in the reporting burden on NHS and private providers;
- the feasibility of such information to meet a variety of other use cases, for example, derivation of performance metrics, the requirements of healthcare regulators and supporting authorised research.

The pilot will establish whether key stakeholder scenarios could be met if private healthcare data was routinely collected and processed by NHS Digital and made available to customers via the Data Access Request Service (DARS).

The piloting will help inform the future strategic direction of private healthcare information flows.

Benefits of the collection

The processing of confidential private healthcare information is required to meet the aims of the Acute Data Alignment Programme (ADAPt).

These are:

1. To ensure that data describing privately, and NHS funded healthcare is visible within all healthcare reporting systems to assist in the monitoring of quality of service delivery.
2. To promote the completeness of health records for patients whose care encompasses both NHS and private healthcare and therefore supports NHS Trusts and private providers in delivering safe and effective care to patients.
3. To improve the information available to members of the public considering private healthcare through the publication of performance measures by PHIN, thereby offering a more robust and sustainable way of achieving greater information transparency of quality and safety in private healthcare.
4. To identify opportunities for reducing the burden on private providers and NHS Trusts in relation to data collection and reporting.

Processing of the private healthcare data as part of a pilot will enable NHS Digital to link the data to other data assets that it holds, including Hospital Episode Statistics and mortality data, and analyse data. This will:

- enable relevant NHS funded activity relating to readmissions, deaths, emergency transfers of care or surgical revisions associated with private patients to be derived and analysed
- enable linkage of data to analyse the impact of private healthcare upon the NHS
- demonstrate the key stakeholder use cases could be successfully met if this data was available (subject to appropriate legal basis).

Legal basis for the collection, analysis, publication and dissemination

NHS Digital has been directed by the Secretary of State under section 254 of the Act to establish and operate a system for the collection and analysis of the information specified for this service: Acute Data Alignment Programme (ADAPt) Discovery. A copy of the Direction is published [here](#).

This information is required by NHS Digital under section 259(1)(b) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Details of the data to be collected will be published at the link above to the Direction.

In line with section 259(5) of the Act, all organisations in England that are within the scope of this Data Provision Notice, as identified below under Health and Social Care Bodies within the scope of the collection, are requested to comply with the requirement and provide information to NHS Digital in the form, manner and period specified in this Data Provision Notice.

This Notice is issued in accordance with the procedure published as part of NHS Digital's duty under section 259(8) of the Act.

The National Data Opt-out does not apply to data collections requested under section 259(1)(b). Furthermore no personal data will be disseminated by NHS Digital during the pilot. Further information on the National Data Opt-out can be found here - <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out>

Persons consulted

NHS Digital has, as required under section 258 of the Act, consulted with the following persons:

- The issuing organisation: Department of Health and Social Care (on behalf of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care)
- Representatives of those who are likely to use the information collected: Care Quality Commission (CQC), NHS Resolution, NHS X, NHS England and NHS Improvement, National Clinical Improvement Programme (NCIP)/Getting it Right First Time (GIRFT)
- Representatives of those from whom the information will be collected: Private Healthcare Information Network (PHIN), Private Healthcare Providers, Independent Healthcare Providers Network (IHPN)
- Any other person it is appropriate to consult: In addition to continued engagement with the stakeholders above, a full public consultation exercise on the proposal was conducted via NHS Digital Consultation Hub (CitizenSpace):
 - Patients and the public
 - Clinicians
 - Research organisations

Details of this consultation are available here:

<https://nhs-digital.citizenspace.com/dis/adapt/>

Health and Social Care Bodies within the scope of the collection

Under section 259(1)(b) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, this Notice is served in accordance with the procedure published as part of the NHS Digital duty under section 259(8) on the following persons:

- Private Healthcare Information Network (PHIN)

Under section 259(1)(b) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 the organisation types specified in the above Scope is requested to provide data in the Form, Manner and Period requirements below.

Form of the collection

The form of the data collection is Private Healthcare APC activity data from Private Healthcare Information Network (PHIN) for organisations participating within the ADAPt pilot(s) (see Appendix 1).

The ADAPt Discovery data collection will include the reporting of data relating to activity which occurred within the current financial year to date or the previous full financial year.

The scope of the data collection is England only. For discovery purposes data collection relating to activity from outside of England including in Devolved Administrations of the UK, that is Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, or the Isle of Man or Channel Islands should NOT be included.

This will include collection of the following:

- Patient identifiers
- Patient demographic details e.g. gender and ethnicity
- Private Healthcare organisation details
- Clinician details
- Clinical activity details
 - Admission/discharge details
 - Diagnoses
 - Procedures

The full specification is available alongside the controlled version of this Data Provision Notice on the NHS Digital website: <https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notices/data-provision-notices-dpns/acute-data-alignment-programme-adapt-discovery>

Manner of the collection

The Private Healthcare APC data collection will be transferred from PHIN to NHS Digital via a secure strategic technical solution e.g. AWS S3 bucket or [Message Exchange for Social Care and Health](#).

For the purposes of the pilot NHS Digital will collect the data from PHIN as a single initial submission, with a subsequent refresh if required.

Once collected, the data will be processed and stored within the NHS Digital Core Data Processing Service (DPS) and made available for analysis (subject to role based access controls) via the Data Access Environment (DAE) in line with the ADAPt Discovery Direction.

Period of the collection

The collection will commence after 1st June 2021 and cease by 31st March 2022.

Burden of the collection

A burden assessment has not taken place for this collection. It should be noted that this data is already collected from private healthcare providers by the Private Healthcare Information Network (PHIN).

Data to be collected

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Appendix 1: Pilot Sites

The following private healthcare providers have enlisted to participate within the Acute Data Alignment pilot(s):

Epsomedical
Genesis Care
Spire Healthcare
Schoen Clinic
KIMS
HCA UK