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## DIRECTIONS

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# NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

## The Health and Social Care Information Centre (Establishment of Information Systems for NHS Services: Citizen Identity Services) Directions 2018

The National Health Service Commissioning Board gives the following Directions to the Health and Social Care Information Centre, now known as NHS Digital, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 254(1), (3) and (6), 274 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and regulation 32 of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Constitution and Functions) and the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Functions) Regulations 2013.

In accordance with section 254(5) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the National Health Service Commissioning Board has consulted the Health and Social Care Information Centre before giving these Directions<sup>1</sup>.

### **Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1. These Directions may be cited as The Health and Social Care Information Centre (Establishment of Information Systems for NHS Services: Citizen Identity Services) Directions 2018 and shall come into force on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

2. In these Directions—

“The 2012 Act” means the Health and Social Care Act 2012<sup>2</sup>;

“The Board” means the National Health Service Commissioning Board<sup>3</sup>;

“HSCIC” means the Health and Social Care Information Centre<sup>4</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> S.I. 2013/259

<sup>2</sup> 2012 c7

<sup>3</sup> The National Health Service Commissioning Board was established by section 1H of the National Health Service Act 2006 (2006 c 41.), and operates as NHS England.

<sup>4</sup> The Health and Social Care Information Centre is a body corporate established under section 252(1) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, and is now known as NHS Digital

“Relevant Organisation”	means an organisation type described in paragraph 4.4 – Participating Organisations, of the Specification;
“Specification”	means the means the Citizen Identity Technical Definition version 1.0 dated 17/05/2018 and annexed to these Directions at Annex A or any subsequent amended version of the same document approved by the Board which supersedes version 0.1;
“Data Specification”	means the data listed in paragraph 4.5 – The Data that will be Collected, of the Specification;
“NHS Citizen Identity Standard”	Means the Identity Verification and Authentication Standard for Health and Care version 1.1 dated 17/05/2018 or any subsequent amended version of the same document.

### **Systems delivery functions**

3. (1) The Board directs HSCIC to exercise such systems delivery functions of the Board as are necessary for it to accommodate and deliver the NHS Citizen Identity Services Information System described in paragraph 4.
- (2) The Board directs HSCIC to exercise the systems delivery functions described in sub-paragraph (1) to deliver the Architecture for the NHS Digital Citizen Identity Platform set out in the Specification, as amended by HSCIC and agreed by the Board and notified in writing by the Board from time to time.
- (3) The Board further directs HSCIC to exercise the systems delivery functions described in sub-paragraph (1) to deliver such additional functions that may be achieved for the delivery of the purposes that are described in the Specification.

### **Establishing and Operating the NHS Citizen Identity Services Information System**

4. (1) Pursuant to its powers under sections 254(1) and 254(6) of the 2012 Act, the Board directs HSCIC to establish and operate a system for the collection of the information described in sub-paragraph (2) from relevant organisations and citizens, such system to be known as “the NHS Citizen Identity Services Information System”.
- (2) The information referred to in sub-paragraph (1) is set out in the Data Specification, as amended by HSCIC and agreed by the Board and notified in writing by the Board from time to time.

(3) The Board directs HSCIC to carry out the activities described in sub-paragraph (1) in accordance with the Specification and generally in such a way as to enable and facilitate the purposes that are described in the Specification and compliance by the Board, HSCIC and Relevant Organisations with the NHS Citizen Identity Standard.

(4) The Board directs HSCIC to collect the information described in paragraph 4(2) using the Architecture for the NHS Digital Citizen Identity Platform set out in the Specification and additional functions delivered in compliance with paragraphs 3(2) and 3(3).

### **S254(3) - Requirement for these Directions**

5. In accordance with section 254(3) of the 2012 Act, the Board confirms that it is necessary or expedient for it to have the information which will be obtained through the HSCIC complying with these Directions in relation to the Board's functions in connection with the provision of NHS Services.

### **Fees and Accounts**

6. Pursuant to sub-section 254(7) of the 2012 Act, HSCIC is entitled to charge a reasonable fee in respect of the cost of HSCIC complying with these Directions.
7. The HSCIC must keep proper accounts and proper records in relation to the accounts, in connection with the NHS Citizen Identity Services Information System.

### **Review of these Directions**

8. These Directions will be reviewed when the Board considers it necessary having regard for advice from the Citizen Identity Programme Board. This review will include consultation with the HSCIC as required by sub-section 254(5) of the 2012 Act.

**Signed by authority of the NHS Commissioning Board**



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**15<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Annex A – Specification**



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