
DIRECTIONS

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

NHS Digital (Establishment of Information Systems for NHS Services: GP Appointments Data Collection) 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) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

In accordance with section 254(5) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the National Health Service Commissioning Board has consulted NHS Digital before giving these Directions¹.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. These Directions may be cited as The NHS Digital (Establishment of Information Systems for NHS Services: Winter Pressures Data Collection) Directions 2018 and shall come into force on **01ST September 2018**.
2. In these Directions–

“The 2012 Act” means the Health and Social Care Act 2012²;

“The Board” means the National Health Service Commissioning Board³;

¹ S.I. 2013/259

² 2012 c7

³ 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.

“Relevant Organisation”	means General Practices and Extended Access Providers in England;
“Specification”	means the GP Appointments Data Collection Specification version 3.0 approved on 20/04/2018, and annexed to these Directions at Annex A or any subsequent amended version of the same document approved by the Board which supersedes any previous version;
“Technical Output Specification”	means Part 2 of the Specification: Data Requirements.

Establishing and Operating the GP Appointments Data Collection Information System

3. – (1) Pursuant to its powers under sections 254(1) and 254(6) of the 2012 Act, the Board directs NHS Digital to establish and operate a system for the collection of the information described in sub-paragraph (2) from Relevant Organisations, such system to be known as “GP Appointments Data Collection Information System”.

(2) The information referred to in sub-paragraph (1) is set out in the Technical Output Specification.

(3) The Board directs NHS Digital 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 at Annex A.

S254(3) - Requirement for these Directions

4. 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 NHS Digital complying with these Directions in relation to the Board’s functions in connection with the provision of NHS Services.

Fees and Accounts

5. Pursuant to sub-section 254(7) of the 2012 Act, NHS Digital is entitled to charge a reasonable fee in respect of the cost of NHS Digital complying with these Directions.

6. NHS Digital must keep proper accounts, and proper records in relation to the accounts, in connection with the GP Appointments Data Collection Information System.

Review of these Directions

7. These Directions will be reviewed when the Specification is amended. This review will include consultation with the NHS Digital as required by section 254(5) of the 2012 Act.

Signed by authority of the NHS Commissioning Board



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Annex A – Specification



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