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24th October 2018

Ms Sarah Wilkinson
Chief Executive
NHS Digital
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Dear Ms Wilkinson,

Section 255 Health and Social Care Act 2012: HSCN Connectivity Services for NHS Wales

I am writing to the Health and Social Care Information Centre (now known and referred to in this letter as “**NHS Digital**”) to formally request under section 255(1) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (**the 2012 Act**), that NHS Digital establishes and operates a system for the collection and analysis of information relating to the Health and Social Care Network (**HSCN**).

The system to be established and operated is the provision of HSCN Connectivity Services for NHS Wales, the purpose of which is to enable the NHS in Wales continued access to the applications and services available within the Transition Network (**TN**). Connectivity access is currently provided via the NHS Wales / TN Gateway, which is provided by the NHS Wales Informatics Service (**NWIS**), a non-statutory organisation hosted by the Velindre NHS Trust.

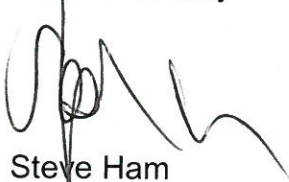
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In accordance with section 256(1) of the 2012 Act, this request is a confidential information collection request because the Velindre Trust is asking NHS Digital to collect information which enables the identity of an individual to be ascertained. The Velindre Trust can request the collection of this confidential information because in accordance with section 256(2)(b) it is information that it could lawfully require individuals using HSCN to disclose to it under the Velindre National Health Service Trust (Establishment) Amendment Order 2002.

Welsh Government have instructed Velindre Trust to make this request, and in accordance with section 257(4) of the 2012 Act, the Velindre Trust has consulted with NHS Digital before doing so.

The Velindre Trust hereby acknowledges that in submitting this request under section 255 of the 2012 Act, NHS Digital is entitled to charge a reasonable fee pursuant to section 257(3) of the 2012 Act in respect of the cost of complying with this request to establish and operate a system to collect and analyse information relating to **HSCN's** Connectivity Services data.

Yours sincerely



Steve Ham
Chief Executive

