



Department of Health & Social Care

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Dear Sarah

Adult Social Care Collections Directions 2019

I am writing to provide Directions to the Health and Social Care Information Centre, now known and hereafter referred to as **NHS Digital**, to establish and operate a system for the collection and analysis of adult social care data.

These Directions are given in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 254(1) and (6) and 304(9), (10) and (12)(a)(v) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (**the Act**).

In accordance with section 254(2)(a) of the Act, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care considers that this information is necessary or expedient to have in relation to his functions in connection with the provision of adult social care in England.

The purpose of the information to be collected is to enable key aspects of the provision of adult social care services across England to be assessed, at both national and local level. Data collected will cover several themes such as: activity, finance, safeguarding, user experience and further details are provided within the **Adult Social Care Collections Specification** issued with these Directions.

These Directions are to be known as the **Adult Social Care Collections Directions 2019** and come into force on 17 September 2019.

Collection and Analysis

Pursuant to sections 254(1) and 254(6) of the Act, NHS Digital is directed to establish and operate an information system for the collection and analysis of adult social care data from Councils with Adult Social Services Responsibility (CASSRs) in England. This information system will be known as the **Adult Social Care Collections Information System**.

NHS Digital is directed to carry out the following activities in accordance with the Specification:

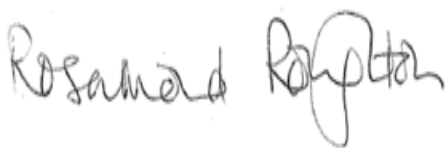
- Collect adult social care data from CASSRs on an annual basis;
- Validate the submitted data and provide feedback to CASSRs;
- Produce national annual reports for each adult social care collection in line with National Statistics Code of Practice guidelines.
- Disseminate the reports to CASSRs and make them available as set out in the Specification.

The Specification may be reviewed, added to and updated periodically (within the confines of the scope set out in these Directions) by NHS Digital and agreed by the Secretary of State.

Please accept this letter as Directions given under section 254(1) of the Act to NHS Digital to establish and operate a system for the collection and analysis of adult social care data.

In accordance with Section 254(5), NHS Digital has been consulted before these Directions have been given.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rosamond Roughton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'R' at the beginning.

Rosamond Roughton
Director for Adult Social Care