

GP Data for Planning and Research
Check and Challenge Group
Minutes of the meeting held 19th January 2022
Final – Approved for publication

Attendees

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Helen Stokes-Lampard Chair	Academy of Medical Royal Colleges	Michael Lewis	National Institute for Health Research
David Parkin	British Medical Association	Ben Goldacre	Nuffield Department for Primary Care Health Sciences
Ruth Ellenby	Royal College of General Practitioners	Nicola Perrin	Association of Medical Research Charities
Paul Atkinson	Royal College of General Practitioners	Steve Wood	Information Commissioners Office
Marcus Baw	Royal College of General Practitioners	Tim Donohoe	NHSX
Nicola Byrne	National Data Guardian	Matthew Gould	NHSX
NHS Digital Programme Team Representatives			
Further representatives from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of the National Data Guardian (1 attendee) • NHSX (1 attendee) • Information Commissioners Office (1 attendee) • Office for National Statistics (1 attendee) • Royal College of General Practitioners (1 attendee) 			

Actions & Decisions Recorded

Action ID	Description	Owner	Target Date
CAC-A002	Roadmap document reviewed, with members encouraged to add and suggest additional items or to request information at different time to support their active involvement	All Members	Ongoing
CAC-A004	Provide feedback on comms and engagement topics discussed at meeting, as required	All Members	Ongoing
CAC-A005	Programme to update and circulate roadmap document monthly	Programme	Ongoing
CAC-A007	Consider and review draft Programme Objectives document, and provide feedback, enabling the programme to shape objectives around stakeholder views throughout programme delivery	All Members	Ongoing

Meeting Notes

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Introductions

- New rotating chair system introduced, and Helen Stokes-Lampard introduced as the chair for the meeting
- Chair welcomed members to the first call of 2022, and facilitated a roundtable introduction of all members

Gateway Review Update

- Programme SRO provided an update on the recent Gateway review undertaken at the request of the programme, and thanked members that inputted into the review
- The review noted universal support for the aims of the programme and proposed benefits, but expressed that challenges exist outside of the programme's direct control that will have an impact on the delivery if not managed and mitigated properly
- Check & Challenge members will be kept fully informed regarding the actions taken as a result of the review, and a standing agenda item was introduced to address this at subsequent meetings. Discussion points were as follows:
 - It was welcomed by members that the review addressed the need for clarity on the how NHS Digital's role as a 'safe haven' for data will continue after the merger with NHS England. The programme agreed this is a priority, and will continue to drive for clarity in this space
 - There was a question on how the programme intends to address the current lack of transparency and need to begin open communications regarding the work being done to deliver GDPR. It was confirmed that the programme is driving engagement with the new ministerial team to allow full communications to be begin. The initial listening phase of the comms strategy has been started and feedback received is already being used to drive discussions and planning
 - It was emphasised by members that transparent comms are key to building confidence that the delivery of this programme is driving fundamental improvements to data security and access to enable national benefits
 - It was suggested by the programme that there may benefit from improved external sponsorship. Members agreed that this should be investigated, and the programme will hold discussions with members on progressing this

Drumbeat Amplification

- The proposal for complimentary communications alongside GDPR delivery was introduced to engage with a wide range of stakeholders of the outcomes and benefits being enabled by NHS Data. The discussion points were as follows:
 - There was an open discussion on how this could and should be delivered to ensure this provides a balanced view on how data is used, who is using data, and how this is helping people
 - It was further emphasised that this approach must be on top of a full and transparent approach to GDPR-specific communications and should not undercut the need to do so. The programme fully agreed, and outlined that delivering transparency is the current top priority
 - It was noted that full consideration should be given to how this fits into any wider data strategy, so that comms could be continued on a longer timeline than GDPR
 - Any messages must be clearly framed to enable public and patient awareness of data usage, and ensure General Practice is informed to be able to support this messaging
 - Members offered support in developing case studies to use as part of this approach
- It was confirmed that the initial examples for this proposal will be created and brought back to Check & Challenge members to show how this is intended to work, and re-validate members opinions towards the approach

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- Upcoming agenda topics and guest chair for next session was noted