

GP Data for Planning and Research
Check and Challenge Group
Minutes of the meeting held 27th April 2022
Final – Approved for publication

Attendees

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Ian Diamond Chair	Office for National Statistics	Tim Donohoe	NHS Transformation Directorate
Helen Stokes-Lampard	Academy of Medical Royal Colleges	Ben Goldacre	Nuffield Department for Primary Care Health Sciences
Michael Lewis	National Institute for Health Research	Nicola Byrne	National Data Guardian
Ruth Ellenby	Royal College of General Practitioners	Nicola Perrin	Association of Medical Research Charities
Paul Atkinson	Royal College of General Practitioners	David Parkin	British Medical Association
NHS Digital Programme Team Representatives			
Further representatives from:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office of the National Data Guardian (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 and update on previous actions

- Chair welcomed members to the call and introduced meeting agenda
- Today's agenda will cover ongoing actions regarding Comms and Programme Objectives

Ratification of previous action notes ahead of publication

- Action notes for 30th Mar meetings were approved for publication

Comms Listening Phase Research Update

- The programme comms lead provided an update on the current progress made within the comms listening phase, and give early insight into the research and findings to date
- Overview given of the completed and ongoing surveys and focus groups conducted within the listening phase to provide clarity on the source of the research findings
- Learnings will be consolidated into a published Listening Phase report, and used to plan the focus areas for the initial activity in the upcoming engagement phase
- Discussion points were as follows:
 - The discrepancy between the numbers of respondents who believe they have opted out against the expected number of actual opt-outs needs to be further understood
 - It was noted that relative awareness of the programme within the public was high, particularly in younger age groups, but that understanding was much lower
 - Early findings suggest most people trust the NHS to access and use their data to improve services for them and other patients, however trust in 3rd party data usage is much lower
 - Members suggested that this trust may be impacted or undermined as a result of the upcoming merger between NHS Digital and NHS England. It was noted that the patient responses did not back this up in the early research findings, as trust was held most highly in the NHS as a general entity. It was agreed that further research needs to be done in this area, and it is essential to capture views of other stakeholder groups too
 - It was noted that the GP community perspective is not clearly represented in the research to date, as survey responses have been low due to ongoing pressures. This was expected and the team are pushing to promote the survey through new

channels. Members agreed to support a national roll-out of current GP Community survey, and advised to reach out to System Supplier user groups as an additional route

- One of the findings from our early focus groups, which would need further investigation, is that the public don't understand the term 'Trusted Research Environment'. Several words were tested, with 'Secure Research Environment' coming out as the most easily understood. Members noted that the system is moving towards 'Secure Data Environment' (SDE) as a term, but that as yet there does not seem to be clarity on whether this will meet the same specification as a TRE, which has an understood minimum specification. It was explained that this was outside the scope of the programme and was a strategy discussion but that the team could explore this further. It was agreed this topic will be discussed at a future Check & Challenge meeting with appropriate additional invitees

Progress Update on Meeting Ministerial Commitments

- Following on from previous discussions on how the programme formally meets the ministerial commitments, a process was proposed to provide Check & Challenge members with concise approach statements for each of the key deliverables being scoped to meet the commitments. Once finalised and formally accepted, these will serve to publicly confirm how the programme will deliver on the commitments
- It was agreed that the proposed process will be confirmed to Check & Challenge members in writing for formal review and to support wider organisational briefings as required. The approach statements for each set of deliverables will then be created and brought to members for review
- A concern was raised that the commitments were agreed by key stakeholders based on NHS Digital being the data controller and that the upcoming NHS merger may impact these commitments. This was noted by members, but it was agreed that the programme itself has to manage this as a risk and progress against the current commitments
- It was agreed that a further conversation is required to review the specific challenges that the merger poses to the delivery of GDPR, with specific focus given to the impact from current and future strategic vendor partnerships including those related to the FDP programme

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- It was requested by a member whether an NHS England clinical fellow could observe a future meeting. Members agreed unanimously and the meeting will be forwarded as required
- Members were thanked for their time and input during the session, and the meeting was closed by the Chair