

**GP Data for Planning and Research**  
**Check and Challenge Group**  
**Minutes of the meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
**Final – Approved for publication**

**Attendees**

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Nicola Byrne <b>Chair</b>	National Data Guardian	Paul Atkinson	Royal College of General Practitioners
Anne Russell	Information Commissioners Office	David Parkin	British Medical Association
Tim Donohoe	NHS Transformation Directorate	Michael Lewis	National Institute for Health Research
Ben Goldacre	Nuffield Department for Primary Care Health Sciences		
NHS Digital Programme Team Representatives			

**Actions & Decisions Recorded**

Action ID	Description	Owner	Target Date
<b>CAC-A012</b>	Review the TRE readiness proposal based on member feedback and iterate as required.	Programme Team	31/08/2022
<b>CAC-A014</b>	Ensure discussion on TRE governance, security, and access oversight is included on an upcoming Check & Challenge meeting agenda	Programme Team	31/08/2022
<b>CAC-A015</b>	Schedule upcoming session in July/August to host joint presentations on the NHS Digital, ONS, and OpenSAFELY TREs	Programme Team	31/08/2022
<b>CAC-A016</b>	Programme team to review how discussion points outside of direct GDPR scope are addressed to ensure they are not ignored	Programme Team	31/08/2022

## Meeting Notes

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#### **Introductions and update on previous actions**

- Chair welcomed members to the call and outlined meeting agenda
- Apologies noted from members due to prior commitments and/or annual leave
- Secretariat gave an overview of current live actions and noted they require further TRE discussions to be held with members before these can be progressed. These discussions are being planned at present for future sessions within July and August
- It was suggested by members that it would be useful for an upcoming meeting to feature joint TRE presentations from ONS and OpenSAFELY teams alongside NHS Digital given the ministerial commitments acknowledge these as best in class. All attendees agreed, and action taken for session to be arranged during July/August dependent on availability **(CAC-A015)**

#### **Ratification of previous action notes ahead of publication**

- Noted secretariat apologies that previous action notes not yet distributed for member review
- Secretariat distributed previous notes during meeting and requested review by next scheduled meeting

#### **Ambient Data Communications – Early Progress Update**

- Programme comms lead introduced the discussion point and noted with members that the idea for these communications was previously presented during January 2022
- It was also noted that the ambient data communications being presented were very early draft concepts which are currently under review with wider teams within the NHS. As members expressed interest and support in previous sessions, they are being brought for guidance and feedback to help shape
- The communications will not be directly linked to the delivery of GDPR, but are being designed and positioned to provide patients and the public with a high-level understanding of the current uses, outputs, and successes as a result of NHS data
- The proposal does not in any way replace the requirement or the plans for a full communications campaign before any launch of GDPR and is not intended to do so
- The concepts being presented are currently being progressed into user testing and are being aligned with other initiatives across the system

- Key discussion points as follows:
  - Focus very much on data in general and how this is currently used. The aim is to provide a foundation level of knowledge to allow more detailed conversations to happen, such as GDPR
  - Providing this foundation will be necessary to successfully meet the ministerial commitments set out for GDPR, but system-wide alignment is needed to progress this as the conversation is not limited to GDPR
  - Members agreed this will be very useful and offered to help provide case studies and general support as this progresses
  - It was noted that providing a broad foundation of knowledge may drive opt-outs, but ensuring that information is provided from a neutral and objective perspective will provide the knowledge for people to make an informed choice about how their data is used
  - At present the concepts are built on a national perspective, but could be progressed to focus on community-level impacts
  - The example case study used is a research example, but the group also discussed that it would be helpful to develop a planning case study, which is underway

### **AOB**

- Members acknowledged the focus for this group is GDPR-specific discussions but did request that the programme team review how to address or acknowledge parallel initiatives and broader challenges outside of the scope of GDPR where necessary. Action taken for programme team to review and work with members to find an appropriate solution **(CAC-A016)**
- Members requested more proactive meeting agenda and content management to ensure that they can be prepared for each meeting
- Noted that the next planned Check & Challenge session will be the joint TRE presentation discussed at the start of the meeting. This session will be planned in collaboration with ONS, and OS teams and upcoming invites will be managed accordingly. Members will be kept informed regarding the planning of this presentation.