

Data Coordination Board

Information Standards Notice – Change

Acting under delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the Data Coordination Board (DCB) has approved a change to an existing information standard for publication under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

You must comply with the change to this standard by the full conformance date specified below.

Standard details	
DCB unique identifier	DCB0086 Amd 58/2017
Name	Data Security and Protection Toolkit, Version 1.0
Approval date	15 February 2018
Publication date	8 March 2018
Standard definition	
Description	<p>The Data Security and Protection (DSP) Toolkit is an online tool that enables relevant organisations to measure their performance against the data security and information governance requirements mandated by the Department of Health and Social Care.</p> <p>Developed following the National Data Guardian's (NDG) review published in July 2016 and the government's subsequent response, the DSP Toolkit is the successor framework to the Information Governance Toolkit.</p> <p>While some elements are mandatory, the DSP Toolkit also provides a mechanism for organisations to continually monitor their own performance and so be able to evidence improvement over time against recommended elements.</p>
About this change	<p>The differences to the Information Governance (IG) Toolkit are substantial, deliberately so, and are the result of extensive consultation.</p> <p>As well as providing an easy to use web interface, the main differences are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• there is alignment with the NDG ten data security standards, ensuring an enhanced focus on data security• there is alignment with the forthcoming General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)• introduction of “assertions” as statements to provide evidence against• removal of the need to assess performance against multiple levels• documentary evidence is only requested where this adds value• removal of the need to provide evidence where an organisation is using NHSmail or has in place an existing relevant standard (e.g. ISO/IEC 27001:2013).

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Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	Health Services, NHS Services, Adult Social Care
Applies to	<p>DSP Toolkit assessments must be completed and published by all organisations which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have access to NHS patients and/or to their information • provide support services directly to an NHS organisation • have either direct or indirect access to national informatics services. <p>This includes social care providers that provide care through the NHS Standard Contract.</p> <p>In addition, completion of the DSP Toolkit is obligatory for any party seeking approval for access to NHS patient information from either the Confidentiality Advisory Group or NHS Digital.</p>
Legal authority	This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
Link to further documentation	<p>The Change Specification, Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: www.content.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb0086</p> <p>Access to the DSP Toolkit is through a dedicated website: https://www.dsptoolkit.nhs.uk/</p>
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Dates	
Implementation and conformance dates	The DSP Toolkit is for use from April 2018, i.e. for the 2018/19 financial year onwards. All relevant organisations must have completed a DSP Toolkit assessment by 31 March 2019.
Post Implementation Review date	31 October 2019

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