

Information Standards Notice – Change

Acting under delegated authority from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, the Data Alliance Partnership Board (DAPB) 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	
DAPB unique identifier	DAPB0086 Amd 23/2022
Name	Data Security and Protection Toolkit, Version 5.0
Approval date	29 April 2022
Publication date	3 August 2022
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, notably the 10 data security standards set by the National Data Guardian.</p> <p>All organisations that have access to NHS patient data and systems must use this Toolkit to provide assurance that they are practising good data security and that personal information is handled correctly. Such organisations are required to carry out self-assessments of their compliance against the assertions and evidence contained within the DSP 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 DSP Toolkit standard is reviewed annually. This 2022-23 release builds on the work and learning from 2021-22. Changes have been made to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amend the categorisation of some organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clinical Commissioning Groups (category 2 organisations for 2021-22) have been removed from the scope of the standard ○ Integrated Care Boards have been added to the scope of the standard, as category 1 organisations. ○ Arm’s Length Bodies have been re-categorised from category 2 to category 1. • rationalise evidence items where they are now considered business as usual, or where there is overlap between evidence items • update technical requirements to reflect the current threat landscape, including to make specific improvements on unsupported operating systems and connected medical devices

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> align requirements with the guidance included on the NHS information governance portal. <p>A full list of changes can be found in the Change Specification.</p>
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	<p>This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.</p> <p>This information standard is the subject of Directions under sections 254 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, from the Department of Health and Social Care to NHS Digital. The Directions are published on the NHS Digital website.</p>
Link to further documentation	<p>The Change Specification, Requirements Specification and Implementation Guidance are available on the NHS Digital website: www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dapb0086</p> <p>Access to the DSP Toolkit is through a dedicated website: https://www.dsptoolkit.nhs.uk/</p>
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Help Desk	Full contact details – email, phone and self-service portal – are available on the DSP Toolkit website: www.dsptoolkit.nhs.uk/Home/Contact
Dates	
Implementation and conformance dates	All relevant organisations must have completed a DSP Toolkit assessment by 30 June 2023.
Post Implementation Review date	30 June 2024

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