

# 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 9/2019
Name	Data Security and Protection Toolkit
Approval date	2 May 2019
Publication date	29 May 2019
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 (DHSC), 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 2019-20 release builds on the work and learning from 2018-19. Changes have been made in in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• respond to lessons learned from the first year of the DSP Toolkit</li><li>• improve the targeting of requirements to different categories of organisations</li><li>• incorporate the requirements of “Cyber Essentials” and the Minimum Cyber Security Standard (MCSS) for relevant organisations</li><li>• incorporate key elements of the Network and Information Systems (NIS) Regulations 2018 Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF) for relevant organisations as advised by</li></ul>

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	<p>the National Cyber Security Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>rationalise some of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) evidence items which are now “business as usual”.</li> </ul>
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"> <li>have access to NHS patients and/or to their information</li> <li>provide support services directly to an NHS organisation</li> <li>have either direct or indirect access to national informatics services.</li> </ul> <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 Guide are available on the NHS Digital website:</p> <p><a href="http://www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb0086">www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb0086</a></p> <p>Access to the DSP Toolkit is through a dedicated website:</p> <p><a href="https://www.dsptoolkit.nhs.uk/">https://www.dsptoolkit.nhs.uk/</a></p>
<b>Contacts</b>	
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Help Desk	<p>Full contact details – email, phone and self-service portal - are available on the DSP Toolkit website:</p> <p><a href="https://www.dsptoolkit.nhs.uk/Home/Contact">https://www.dsptoolkit.nhs.uk/Home/Contact</a></p>
<b>Dates</b>	
Implementation and conformance dates	This release of the DSP Toolkit is for use in the 2019-20 financial year. All relevant organisations must have completed a DSP Toolkit assessment by 31 March 2020.
Post Implementation Review date	31 December 2019

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