

# Data Coordination Board

## Information Standards Notice – New

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

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

Standard details	
DCB unique identifier	DCB3051 Amd 64/2018
Name	Identity Verification and Authentication Standard for Digital Health and Care Services
Approval date	29 May 2018
Publication date	29 June 2018
Standard definition	
Description	<p>This information standard provides for a consistent approach to identity management across digital health and care services, covering: verification, authentication and clinical authorisation.</p> <p>NHS Digital, in collaboration with NHS England and other partners, is developing a number of digital services that will put patients/service users in charge of their own health and care, enabling them to manage aspects of their own care, to contribute to the care process and as such reduce pressure on front-line NHS and social care services. These digital services contain personal information and as such it is essential that only the correct person has access. At present services repeatedly require a means of verifying and authenticating an individual's identity.</p> <p>The intention is to introduce a national citizen identity platform which will enable people to prove their identity once, in a manner which is convenient to them, thereby building public confidence in, and encouraging greater use of, all local and national digital health and care services.</p> <p>A fundamental requirement of that platform is a nationally agreed approach to identity management for health and care, conformant with identify assurance principles endorsed by the government. This information standard sets out this agreed approach.</p> <p>When an organisation (identity provider) wishes to integrate local identity services with the national citizen identity platform, NHS Digital will assure the conformance of these local services to this standard before authorising and enabling integration.</p>
Scope (Health and Social Care Act 2012)	Health Services; NHS Services; Adult Social Care

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Applies to	All health and care organisations who implement digital services and offer patient/service user online access to these services MUST follow this standard when proving identity.
Impacts upon	<p>Implementation of this information standard impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• companies or authorities providing identity services on behalf of the above providers; alignment with this standard will be essential for such organisations once the national citizen identify platform is established</li> <li>• systems suppliers providing systems to the above providers; suppliers should work with their customers to determine necessary changes.</li> </ul>
Legal authority	This information standard is published under section 250 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
Link to further documentation	<p>The standard document is available on the NHS Digital website:  <a href="http://www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb3051">www.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/dcb3051</a></p> <p>Further information about citizen identity, published by NHS Digital, can be found at:  <a href="https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/our-work/transforming-health-and-care-through-technology/self-care-and-prevention-domain-a/citizen-identity">https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/our-work/transforming-health-and-care-through-technology/self-care-and-prevention-domain-a/citizen-identity</a></p>
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<b>Dates</b>	
Implementation and conformance dates	<p>This information standard comes into effect from the date of publication of this Notice.</p> <p>Health and care organisations must conform to this standard if and when they implement citizen facing digital health and care services.</p> <p>Local conformance will be monitored as part of the implementation of the national citizen identity platform.</p>
Post Implementation Review date	30 June 2019

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