

Data Sharing Review

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Consultation paper on the use and sharing of personal information in the public and private sector

List of questions for response

We would welcome responses to the following questions set out in this consultation paper. Please follow the question order as set out in the consultation paper, leaving a blank response box for any questions not answered.

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Thank you.

Section 1: Background

Question 1.

Comments: I'm a GP. personal, medical and social data are collected and stored for healthcare purposes, and for preparing reports.

Section 2: Scope of personal information sharing, including benefits, barriers and risks of data sharing and data protection

Question 2.

Comments: a) to improve healthcare. b) to plan integrated healthcare based on population needs

Question 3.

Comments: because it is known that we keep data, we are subject to demands for it, some of which is anonymised but we also have recently had to deal with a demand for patient data from the Primary Care Trust, to include name, address, date of birth and diagnosis. The Patient Information Advisory Group gives conflicting advise on their website, and my patients have not given permission for this group to make decisions on their behalf.

Question 4.

Comments: Unless the transfer is agreed by the patient, I would be unhappy to send any data other than by secure means.

Question 5.

Comments: See comments about the PIAG, above

Question 6.

Comments: Much personal data is in the public domain already, I think it's too late to do much about this. Apparently my bank details are now available, thanks to HMRC. Who will be called to account for this?

Question 7.

Comments: -

Question 8.

Comments: PCT are demanding too much data

Section 3: The legal framework

Question 9.

Comments: It's not strong enough

Question 10.

Comments: Data is not used solely for the purposes for which it is collected

Question 11.

Comments: -

Question 12.

Comments: tougher penalties, more training in Information Governance

Question 13.

Comments: -

Question 14.

Comments: -

Question 15.

Comments: -

Section 4: Consent and transparency

Question 16.

Comments: I am clear about what data can and cannot be shared. Demands from the PCT imply that they have little or know knowledge of data protection issues

Question 17.

Comments: personal consent (implied or explicit) should be required every time

Question 18.

Comments: no increased access, the current levels are fine

Question 19.

Comments: -

Section 5: Technology

Question 20.

Comments: Technology make sharing is much too easy. I always have to ask myself if I really should be releasing this data

Question 21.

Comments:

Question 22.

Comments: anonymisation is fine. I'm happy to give total figures, but we've had demands for data to include age sex and postcode, which would allow unique identification of individuals.

Section 6: International comparisons

Question 23.

Comments: no

Question 24.

Comments: -

Question 25.

Comments: -

Question 26.

Comments: -

Section 7: Additional questions

Question 27.

Comments: -

Question 28.

Comments: -