
DIRECTIONS

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

The Health and Social Care Information Centre (Spine Services) (No. 2) Directions 2014

The Secretary of State for Health gives the following Directions in exercise of the powers conferred by section 254(1) and (6), section 274(2) and section 304(9), (10), (11) and (12) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012^(a) and regulation 32 of the National Institute for Health and Social Care Excellence (Constitution and Functions) and the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Functions) Regulations 2013^(b).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Directions may be cited as the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Spine Services) (No. 2) Directions 2014 and come into force on .

(2) In these Directions—

“the Act” means the Health and Social Care Act 2012;

“the Framework Agreement” means the Framework Agreement between the Department of Health and HSCIC dated 16th April 2014;

“HSCIC” means the Health and Social Care Information Centre^(c);

“Spine services” means the services described in the Annex to these Directions as amended and notified by the Secretary of State in writing to HSCIC from time to time; and

“the Spine Services Directions” means the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Spine Services) Directions 2014, dated 22nd August 2014.

Information systems for Spine services

2.—(1) The Secretary of State directs HSCIC to establish and operate such systems for the collection and analysis of information as are necessary for it to deliver the Spine services.

(2) The Secretary of State directs HSCIC to exercise the functions described in sub-paragraph (1) in accordance with the service levels, support and monitoring requirements, and the reporting and governance requirements notified by the Secretary of State in writing to HSCIC as at the date these Directions come into force, or as those requirements are amended and notified by the Secretary of State in writing to HSCIC from time to time.

(3) In exercising the functions described in sub-paragraph (1), HSCIC must have regard to the Framework Agreement and to such priorities, policies, advice or guidance of the Secretary of State as the Secretary of State may notify in writing to HSCIC.

Systems delivery functions for Spine services

3.—(1) The Secretary of State directs HSCIC to exercise such systems delivery functions of the Secretary of State as are necessary for it to deliver the Spine services.

(a) 2012 c.7.

(b) S.I. 2013/259.

(c) The Health and Social Care Information Centre is a body corporate established under section 252(1) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

(2) The Secretary of State directs HSCIC to exercise the functions described in sub-paragraph (1) in accordance with the service levels, support and monitoring requirements, and the reporting and governance requirements notified by the Secretary of State in writing to HSCIC as at the date these Directions come into force, or as those requirements are amended and notified by the Secretary of State in writing to HSCIC from time to time.

(3) In exercising the functions described in sub-paragraph (1), HSCIC must have regard to the Framework Agreement and to such priorities, policies, advice or guidance of the Secretary of State as the Secretary of State may notify in writing to HSCIC.

Revocation and savings provision in relation to the Spine Services Directions

4.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the Spine Services Directions are revoked.

(2) Anything done by HSCIC pursuant to the Spine Services Directions is to be treated as though it were done pursuant to these Directions.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health



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ANNEX

Spine services

	<i>Name of service</i>	<i>Description of service</i>
A	The Personal Demographics Service (PDS)	The PDS holds data on an individual that enables the individual to be readily identified by health care staff quickly and accurately. The PDS is the central and single source for patient demographic information, such as NHS number, name, address and date of birth etc. It provides for the storage and retrieval of live demographic data on each person holding an NHS number and management of births and deaths information and legacy migrations.
B	The Personal Spine Information Service (PSIS)	The PSIS is the database holding clinical data in the form of Summary Care Record and associated systems.

C	The Electronic Prescription Service (EPS)	The EPS (also known as ETP, the Electronic Transfer of Prescriptions) allows prescribers working in primary care settings to generate and transmit electronic prescriptions using the prescriber's computer system.
D	The Transaction Messaging Service (TMS)	The TMS enables clinical messages from users of computer systems and services to be securely routed to the service they are requesting.
E	The supporting web interfaces of the Summary Care Record application (SCR) (which was also known as the Clinical Spine Application)	The supporting web interfaces of the SCR, interfaced with supporting Graphical User Interface. This was previously known as the Clinical Spine Application.
F	The access control framework (ACF) (and any replacement service to ACF)	The ACF authenticates and controls access to PSIS.
G	The Demographic Spine Application (DSA)	The DSA is a Graphical User Interface (GUI) that provides access to data held on the PDS.
H	The TMS Event Services (TES)	The TES Service is an alerts and notification system.
I	The Data Transfer Service (DTS)	The DTS is a mechanism allowing the NHS to share information efficiently and securely. It supports GP to GP information sharing and enables pathology information to be shared across the NHS.
J	The Care Identity Service (CIS)	The CIS is the service which provides access control, security and information governance protection to systems and services, and which supports and manages access by all entities, and protects the Spine. It also deals with the accreditation of third parties' access and the management of interfaces to third parties.
K	Supporting Services	The associated systems and services required to provide the services detailed in this Annex including information and asset management, project management and planning, consultancy, hosting, helpdesk service and support, testing, archiving, development and continuous improvement, and decommissioning for the services set out in this Annex.
L	The Enhanced Reporting System (ERS) (and known as Spine Reporting System from December 2014)	The ERS is a system which is used to report on Spine performance and access. Includes Death Reports, audit reports and Subject Access Reports.

M	The Spine Directory Service (SDS)	This is the main information source within the Spine. It comprises the Spine User Directory and Spine Accredited Systems and Services, which ensure that transactions/messages are only processed from authorised users and systems. It is therefore a key component of the security of the Spine.
N	The Secondary Uses Service (SUS)	SUS is the single, comprehensive repository for healthcare data in England which enables a range of reporting and analyses to support the NHS in the delivery of healthcare services. This includes acting as the national repository for all Commissioning Data Set (CDS) submissions, calculation of Payment by Results data and providing data to the Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) system.
