

# **NHS-HE Forum**

# **Information Governance Working Group**

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- The Group mainly deals with
  - Data Security and Protection Toolkit.
  - NHS Digital Framework Contract
  - NHS Digital – Data Sharing Agreements
  - Close working relationship with NHS Digital
- 38 Organisations are represented with 107 members.
- The group meets in the year, holds Training days, and takes part in Consultations, Website.

# Action Plan

1. Develop the relationship with NHS Digital to be involved with key areas or work which impacts on research.
  - Making sure that the DSPT is Research friendly.
  - Negotiate with the Data Access Request Service over Contracts and arrangements around the service.
2. Develop and maintain a standard documentation library for use with relevant processes. Such as;
  - Data Security Protection Toolkit.
3. To run a training day in July

# Training Day 2018

- The day covered;
  - Data Security Protection Toolkit
    - John Hudson and team
    - Documentation and Guidance
    - FAQ answers
  - GDPR and Research
    - Alex Baily – MRC regulation

# NHS Digital

- Data Security Protection Toolkit and Universities
  - Usability and testing, Frequently Asked Questions for Research
  - Research relevancy of some assumptions;
  - Involved with writing the Guidance documentation for Research
- Data Access Request Service
  - Framework Contract
  - Data Sharing Agreements
- Patient Opt-Out

# Patient Opt-Out

- Patient opt-out went live on the 25 May 2018
- One Question
  - **“I allow my confidential patient information to be used for research and planning”**
- Applies across whole NHS. Will be implemented across all NHS systems by 2021
- Accessing data under S251 will always apply
- Consented studies does not apply.

# Documentation Library

- Develop the IGWG pages to include documentation
- Currently does not exist
- The group will collate examples of best practice to be used and not just for the DSPT but other areas such as Accessing data from other sources.

# SIGN Update

- SIGN has a new chair Andrew Harvey
- Implementing new format to the meetings
- Easier to raise specific research questions.
  - Anonymisation
  - S251
- Not easy to talk about specific services such as DARS
- Need to engage directly with those groups and interface directly with Research Advisory Group (RAG)



Questions?