

Following feedback on the *Review of data releases made by the NHS Information Centre* carried out by PwC and published on the HSCIC website on June 17, 2014, some clarification has been received regarding the description of previous governance arrangements on pages 2 and 3.

On page 3, the graphic text indicates that the Data Access Advisory Group (DAAG) was a subgroup of the Ethics and Confidentiality Committee within the National Information Governance Board from September 2010 to 31 March 2013. However, this is not the case, DAAG sat within the NHS Information Centre (NHS IC) during this time.

On page 2, where approval committees are listed, it should be noted in relation to requests to access identifiable data without consent, the Patient Information Advisory Group (PIAG) and, later, the Ethics & Confidentiality Committee advised on applications, but decision-making rested with the Secretary of State for Health.

Also on page 2, the report states that the Security and Confidentiality Advisory Group (SCAG) considered applications for sensitive data until 1 April 2008 at which point this responsibility transferred to the Database Monitoring Sub-Group (DMsG). In fact, the DMsG was formally a sub-committee of PIAG, and was reconstituted as a sub-group of the ECC under the overarching responsibility of the NIGB. Further, it is not the case that the DMsG became DAAG in September 2010 as stated on page 3, rather that the function of reviewing applications for sensitive data or for identifiable data where consent is in place transferred to DAAG.

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