



# Department of Health

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Dear Andy

I am writing to provide a Direction to NHS Digital, formerly known as the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) and hereafter referred to as NHS Digital, to establish and operate an informatics system for the collection of emergency care data.

This Direction is given in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 254(1) and (6), 260(2)(d), 261(3), 274(2) and 304(9), (10) and (12) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (the Act)<sup>1</sup> 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<sup>2</sup>.

In accordance with section 254(2)(b) of the Act, the Secretary of State considers that it is in the interests of the health service in England for this Direction to be given.

This Direction is to be known as the Emergency Care Dataset (Pilot) Direction, and comes into force on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016. The Direction will cover two collections of data from the type 1 Emergency Departments at The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust to support the pilot delivery phase of a proposed new data set for emergency care.

A type 1 Emergency Department is defined in the NHS Data Dictionary as being a consultant led 24 hour service with full resuscitation facilities and designated accommodation for the reception of accident and emergency patients.

Under section 254 of the 2012 Act, NHS Digital is required to:

- Collect data relating to Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust emergency department attendances during the pilot period. The collection includes demographic information, episode demographic information, clinical information such as diagnosis, information relating to attendances which are a direct result of injury and also discharge information. (See Annex 1 for full list of data items to be collected.)

There will be two data collections for the pilot:

- A first data collection for the pilot, which will relate to all emergency department attendances between 26<sup>th</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> 2012 c.7

<sup>2</sup> S.I. 2013/259

- A second data collection for the pilot, which will relate to all emergency department attendances between 1st November 2016 and 31st January 2017. This collection is required for the purposes of further pilot analysis for the winter 2016/17 period.

Please accept this letter as a direction given under subsection (1) of section 254 of the 2012 Act to the NHS Digital to exercise the functions in relation to the informatics system for the collection of data from the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust type 1 Emergency Departments to support the delivery of a pilot of a proposed new data set for emergency care. The purpose of the data collection is to demonstrate that new proposed dataset will not negatively impact on the purposes reliant on the current Commissioning Dataset for emergency care and to produce aggregate statistics to demonstrate the benefits of the new data items. These aggregate statistics may be shared outside of the NHS Digital, as part of project documentation including reports and briefings and to support the development of a new information standard.

NHS Digital will have regard to and comply with the Directions to NHS Digital to process Type 2 objections.

In accordance with section 254(5) of the Act, NHS Digital has been consulted before this Direction has been given.

Yours sincerely

Director name

Director title

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**ECDS Pilot - Data Items to be Collected**

**ECDS Field Name**

Person\_Stated\_Gender  
Person\_Age\_At\_Attendance  
Person\_NHS\_Number\_Status\_Indicator  
Person\_Usual\_Address\_Postcode  
Person\_Residence\_Org\_Code  
Person\_Usual\_Residence\_Type  
Person\_GP\_Practice\_Code  
Person\_Comm\_Lang  
Person\_Interpreter\_Rqd  
Person\_Interpreter\_Lang  
Person\_Ethnic\_Category  
Person\_Visitor\_Status  
Commissioner\_Unique\_ID  
Commissioner\_Service\_Line\_ID  
Commissioner\_Provider\_Ref\_Number  
Commissioner\_Ref\_Number  
Commissioner\_Org\_Code  
Provider\_Org\_Code  
Provider\_Org\_Code\_LocPatID  
Provider\_Site\_Code  
Provider\_Site\_Type  
EmCare\_Arrive\_Transport\_Mode  
EmCare\_Ambulance\_Org\_Code  
EmCare\_Ambulance\_Incident\_Number  
EmCare\_Arrive\_DateTime  
EmCare\_Attendance\_Type  
EmCare\_Referral\_Source  
EmCare\_Arrive\_Transfer\_Source  
EmCare\_Assess\_DateTime

EmCare\_Clinicians\_Type  
EmCare\_Clinicians\_Tier  
EmCare\_Clinicians\_Date/TimeStamp  
EmCare\_Clinicians\_Discharge  
EmCare\_Referred\_Service  
EmCare\_Referred\_Service\_DateTime  
EmCare\_DTA\_DateTime  
EmCare\_Complete\_DateTime  
EmCare\_Depart\_DateTime  
EmCare\_Admit\_Specialty  
EmCare\_Assessment\_Type  
EmCare\_Assessment\_Score  
EmCare\_ChiefComplaint  
EmCare\_Clinical\_Narrative  
EmCare\_Diagnosis\_Number  
EmCare\_Diagnosis  
EmCare\_Diagnosis\_Moderator  
EmCare\_Investigations  
EmCare\_Investigations\_Time/Date  
EmCare\_Treatments  
EmCare\_Treatments\_Time/Date  
EmCare\_Inj\_DateTime  
EmCare\_Inj\_Intent  
EmCare\_Inj\_Place\_Type  
EmCare\_Inj\_Activity\_Status  
EmCare\_Inj\_Activity\_Type  
EmCare\_Inj\_Mechanism  
EmCare\_Inj\_Drug\_Alcohol  
EmCare\_Discharge\_Status  
EmCare\_Discharge\_FollowUp  
EmCare\_Discharge\_Information\_Given  
EmCare\_Discharge\_Safeguarding  
EmCare\_Transfer\_Destination