Additional doc 13: Examples of data sharing agreements for referrals

This document contains some examples of data sharing agreements set up between health partners and affordable warmth schemes, so that health partners can refer patients to schemes (note these are not agreements to share data for evaluation, but such agreements would be likely to build on these). The examples are as follows:

1. Wigan's Information Assurance Framework. This is used for agencies which work under the Awarm scheme. These agencies may be accessing patient risk lists with names and addresses, attending GP's surgeries, talking to patients and gathering personal information, or passing on data such as NHS numbers to the Council. The Information Assurance Framework is a checklist of all the requirements the agencies must fulfil and provide evidence for, to show that they will handle the data correctly. It supports the signing of a data sharing agreement.

2. Data sharing compliance agreement required by a community healthcare provider in order for the healthcare provider to refer patients to an affordable warmth project. The agreement makes sure that the affordable warmth project manages confidential patient data in accordance with requirements. The affordable warmth scheme manager was required to complete the Organisational Compliance Statement, and to sign up to an Information Exchange Agreement (also shown in this document) and provide a brief quality assurance agreement to define the support services that those referred would receive.