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## DIRECTIONS

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# NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND

## The Health and Social Care Information Centre (Establishment of Information Systems for NHS Services: National Audit of Pulmonary Hypertension) Directions 2016

The National Health Service Commissioning Board gives the following Directions to the Health and Social Care Information Centre in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 254(1), (3) and (6) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

In accordance with section 254(5) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the National Health Service Commissioning Board has consulted the Health and Social Care Information Centre before giving these Directions.

### Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. These Directions may be cited as The Health and Social Care Information Centre (Establishment of Information Systems for NHS Services: National Audit of Pulmonary Hypertension) Directions 2016 and shall come into force on 01 April 2016.

2. In these Directions–

“The 2012 Act”	means the Health and Social Care Act 2012 <sup>1</sup> ;
“The Board”	means the National Health Service Commissioning Board <sup>2</sup> ;
“HSCIC”	means the Health and Social Care Information Centre <sup>3</sup> ;
“Relevant Organisation”	means the NHS Trusts and NHS Foundation Trusts listed in the Specification;

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<sup>1</sup> 2012 c7

<sup>2</sup> The National Health Service Commissioning Board was established by section 1H of the National Health Service Act 2006 (2006 c 41.), and operates as NHS England.

<sup>3</sup> The Health and Social Care Information Centre is a body corporate established under section 252(1) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012

<b>“Specification”</b>	means the National Audit of Pulmonary Hypertension (NAPH) Specification version 1.0 dated 05/01/2016 and annexed to these Directions at Annex A or any subsequent amended version of the same document;
<b>“Technical Output Specification”</b>	means the NAPH Technical Output Specification version 1.3 dated 07/02/2014 and annexed to these Directions at Annex B or any subsequent amended version of the same document.

### **Establishing and Operating the National Audit of Pulmonary Hypertension Information System**

3. – (1) Pursuant to its powers under sections 254(1) and 254(6) of the 2012 Act, the Board directs the HSCIC to establish and operate a system for the collection of the information described in sub-paragraph (2) from the Relevant Organisations, such system to be known as “the National Audit of Pulmonary Hypertension Information System”.
- (2) The information referred to in sub-paragraph (1) is the information described in the Technical Output Specification.
- (3) The Board directs HSCIC to carry out the activities described in sub-paragraph (1) in accordance with the Specification and Technical Output Specification.

### **S254(3) - Requirement for these Directions**

4. In accordance with section 254(3) of the 2012 Act, the Board confirms that it is necessary or expedient for it to have the information which will be obtained through the HSCIC complying with these Directions in relation to the Board’s functions in connection with the provision of NHS Services. In particular the information obtained through compliance with these Directions will facilitate or enable the achievement of the purposes that are described in the Specification.

### **Fees and Accounts**

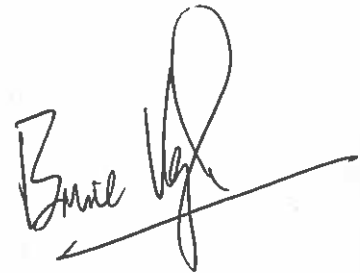
5. Pursuant to sub-section 254(7) of the 2012 Act, HSCIC is entitled to charge the Board a reasonable fee in respect of the cost of HSCIC complying with these Directions and the Board acknowledges such right and agrees to meet such reasonable fee charged by HSCIC.

6. The HSCIC must keep proper accounts, and proper records in relation to the accounts, in connection with the National Audit of Pulmonary Hypertension Information System.

**Review of these Directions**

7. These Directions will be reviewed when the Board approves any amendment to the Specification or Technical Output Specification. This review will include consultation with the HSCIC as required by sub-section 254(5) of the 2012 Act.

**Signed by authority of the NHS Commissioning Board**



**Sir Bruce Keogh  
Caldicott Guardian**

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**Annex A – National Audit of Pulmonary Hypertension – Specification**



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**Annex B – National Pulmonary Hypertension Audit – Technical Output Specification**



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