IIGOP Meeting 2 February 2015, Richmond House, London

Panel Members present:-

Ian Atkinson
Dame Fiona Caldicott
John Carvel
Janet Davies
Alan Hassey (Chair)
Eileen Phillips
Anne Stebbing
Mark Taylor
Richard Wild

In Attendance:-

Kathryn Anderson Lindsey Blake Mark Davies IIGOP Sponsor (Agenda item 4) Kathy Holland

Guest Speakers:-

Ming Tang from NHS England (Agenda item 5)
Bruno Desomiere & Catherine Pollard from Monitor (Agenda item 11)

1. Welcome to Panel Members & Apologies

Apologies received from Martin Severs and David Riley.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no new declarations of interest.

3. Minutes Actions & Decisions from Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last Panel dated 6 November 2014 were approved and it was agreed that they be posted on IIGOP website.

4. Sponsors Update

Mark Davies reiterated the Department of Health's commitment to legislate IIGOP at the earliest opportunity and expressed his agreement with cross party support for doing so.

Mark Davies advised it was key to find an appropriate Host for IIGOP business going forward.

Mark Davies advised Panel that the Department of Health were in the process of collating a Submission to the S o S for Health regarding the future workings and

responsibilities of the National Data Guardian Panel. This was to be finalised before the end of February 2015.

Panel members raised concern about the current lack of IIGOP transparency with members of the public.

Action: Mark Davies endeavoured to test that point with the Ministers in ensuring the issue was included in their Submission.

Panel members discussed the construction of the New National Data Guardian website and in particular where it would be hosted.

Action: Mark Davies undertook to discuss creation of NDG website with Richard Wild.

5. Commissioning Update

Ming Tang provided an update on the work towards the end state for commissioning she is undertaking with Karen Wheeler Ming advised they are currently drafting a four phase transition plan.

Action: Ming Tang undertook to provide Panel members with a copy of the draft PID and draft Terms of Reference for review and comments.

Noted: Panel members reiterated their proposal from the IIGOP report to the care.data Programme Board in December 2015 for the construction of a simple patient objection process with regard to data services for commissioners.

6. National Data Guardian Panel Transition Update

Richard Wild updated Panel with regard to ongoing plans to prepare for its transition to the National Data Guardian Panel and the statutory footing of the NDG anticipated post May 7 2015

7. Health Select Committee Update

Panel members congratulated Dame Fiona on her participation at the Health Select Committee dated 21st January, 2015. It was noted that the Health Select Committee expressed their respect and trust in Dame Fiona's views and their enthusiasm for plans to legislate the NDG.

8. Media Update

Eileen Phillips informed Panel with regard to a recent news piece in the Guardian with regard to type two patient objections on data flows and the issue that consent and dissent is currently an anomaly which requires urgent attention.

Mark Taylor informed Panel that CAG had written to HSCIC with regard to measures under Section 251 support asking them to state their position.

9. Panel Members Views and Thoughts

9.1 Panel members discussed future IIGOP membership and the need for a replacement for Caroline Tapster including future representation from other sectors

9.2 Members reiterated their concern with regard to issue of lack of resource for the National Data Guardian Panel going forward. In particular, the requirement to strengthen the Secretariat team to support future challenges.

Action: LB to update the SG on panel discussions regarding gaps in current membership.

9.3 Panel members reiterated their support for Patient Voice with regard to data sharing and that this should remain a key issue on the IIGOP Steering Group agenda.

10. care.data Update

The letter from Tim Kelsey in response to IIGOP's Report to the care.data Programme Board in December 2014 was discussed

11. Guest Speakers from Monitor re: 'Guide to linking local person-level data.'

Bruno Desormiere and Catherine Pollard represented Monitor to speak to Panel about their plans for linking local person-level data records and a guide they are in the process of collating in this regard.

Action: Monitor to send a copy of their proposals and draft guide to IIGOP for comment via IIGOP Secretariat.

12. Evaluation

Paper 12.a IIGOP report to care.data Programme Board

Dame Fiona commended and thanked IIGOP Panel member Dr Alan Hassey for his excellent work on the report.

Paper 12.b. IIGOP Annual Report to the Secretary of State for Health
Dame Fiona commended and thanked the IIGOP team for all of their excellent work
on the 'IIGOP the First Year' annual report in particular, John Carvel, Christina
Munns and David Riley.

13. Any Other Business

13.1. Mark Taylor advised Panel that the Nuffield Council of Bioethics report was to be launched on 3 February 2015.

Action: It was agreed that the report should be added to the IIGOP Steering Group Agenda on 3 March 2015.

DATE OF NEXT PANEL 24 MARCH 2015