

**Panel members present:**

Dame Fiona Caldicott - Chair  
Dr Joanne Bailey  
John Carvel  
Mark Golledge  
Professor Dame Donna Kinnair  
Eileen Phillips  
Anne Stebbing  
David Watts  
Dr James Wilson

**In attendance:**

Dr Chris Bunch  
David Riley  
Ross Thornton  
Jenny Westaway

**Guests:**

Rachel Dunscombe (dial-in)  
Lorraine Jackson  
Sean Kirwan  
Tim Magor  
Dr Harpreet Sood

**1. Welcome, apologies and declarations of interest**

Apologies were noted from Dr Alan Hassey, Rakesh Marwaha and Professor Martin Severs.

**2. Minutes from previous meeting, actions and decisions**

The minutes from the panel meeting held on 15 January 2019 were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. There was one open action; all other actions were agreed as having been completed prior to this meeting.

**3. Sponsor's update**

Lorraine Jackson, Deputy Director for Data Policy from the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) sponsor team, provided a general update to the NDG and her panel members. Lorraine updated members on further activity related to the commencement of the NDG statutory footing on 1 April 2019, current Ministerial priorities, Brexit preparations and the establishment of NHS X.

**4. Type 1 opt-outs**

Tim Magor, NHS Digital Programme Head for the National Data Opt-out, and Lorraine Jackson discussed the type 1 opt-out. The 2017 Government response to the consultation on the NDG Review stated that "For patients who have registered an existing type 1 opt-out, we will honour these until 2020 to allow the new national opt-out to be implemented, and for full engagement with primary care professionals and the public. We will consult the NDG before confirming the removal of type 1 opt-outs." Panel members were advised that a process of engagement with relevant bodies to discuss the of type 1 opt-out is commencing. Panel members advised on relevant considerations that the DHSC should take into account in scoping this work.

## 5. NHS Digital Academy

Rachel Dunscombe, CEO of the NHS Digital Academy, and Dr Harpreet Sood Associate Chief Clinical Information Officer at NHS England, presented an update on the progress of the first cohort (99 delegates) to graduate from the NHS Digital Academy. Panel members were interested to see the syllabus used and keen to hear about opportunities to ensure that participants on the course left with a rounded view of the importance of data security, confidentiality and privacy considerations.

## 6. NHS Confidentiality Code of Practice

Sean Kirwan, Senior Data Sharing and Privacy Manager at NHS England, presented an update to panel on the work to revise the NHS Confidentiality Code of Practice. The Confidentiality Code of practice Expert Reference Group (including panel members Dr Chris Bunch and Dr Joanne Bailey) have raised concerns on a few key issues. Sean informed panel members that the public consultation has been paused and that this will provide the chance to look at the code of practice more radically and further engage with stakeholders.

## 7. NDG priorities consultation

Jenny Westaway Head of the Office of the NDG provided an update to panel members regarding the currently open consultation on the NDG's priorities. Jenny provided a summary of the number already received, the broad messages so far, and the total number of expected responses.

## 8. Any other business

Anne Stebbing raised an item to pass on warm congratulations to Dame Fiona from Panel members and the Office of the NDG team, for all her hard work in progressing the role of the NDG to a statutory footing.