



Prescribing Services

ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

Data Protection by Design

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1. PROJECT CONTEXT

Eclipse Vista

Our NHS is very active implementing new clinical pathways, projects and initiatives. However, NHS organisations are far less effective at measuring the impact of these implementations. The VISTA Pathways interface has been specifically designed for CCGs and their GP Practices to enable effective validation of these implementations. It provides NHS organisations with a highly focused and effective population health management tool. VISTA Pathways brings together a region's Advice & Guidance (Eclipse Live) Primary Care data and their SUS+ Secondary Care utilisation data. The result is a complete validation solution allowing patient cohorts associated with a clinical pathway, project or initiative to be selected and their associated costs to be reviewed and validated.

The analytical and validating functionality within VISTA Pathways provides NHS Organisations with a highly effective population segmentation, planning and validation solution.

By triangulating the Advice & Guidance (Eclipse Live) Primary Care patient data, national prescribing data and NHS Digital SUS+ data within a secure platform VISTA Pathways enables NHS organisations to:

1. Define any patient cohort.
2. Plan and model any implementations needed for this cohort.
3. Track the adherence to the desired implementation.
4. Validate the full impact of this implementation upon the patient cohort.
5. Evaluate the benefit of continuing the clinical pathway, project or initiative.

2. DATA FLOWS

NHS Pathways / Eclipse / Advice and Guidance / VISTA

The initial uploads can either be manual or automated as described below. This is the decision of the GP Practice.

GP Data is extracted with nationally identified sensitive read codes removed (as specified by ISB-1572). This creates datasets containing only de-identified data used for data analysis. This data is fully encrypted to allow secure transmission of data to our high security data centre using AES 256bit encryption.

Manual Uploads

1. Primary care data sets (Practice Code, Patient Reference / MiQuest, Number, Gender, Age in Years, Medication issue date, medication type (acute, repeat), Medication directions, code date, clinical code, code description, result 1 & result 2) are created from primary care system reporting tools, MiQuest and EMIS Population manager.
2. The data sets are then transmitted directly from the practice using Eclipse website using TLS1.1, 1.2 secure socket connections.

Automated Uploads

1. Primary care data sets (Practice Code, Patient Reference / MiQuest, Number, Gender, Age in Years, Medication issue date, medication type (acute, repeat), Medication directions, code date, clinical code, code description, result 1 & result 2) are created from bulk data extracts directly at practice by Apollo SQL Suite.
2. Transmitted directly from practice over AES-256bit web services.

The remaining data flows describe the process regardless of the upload method.

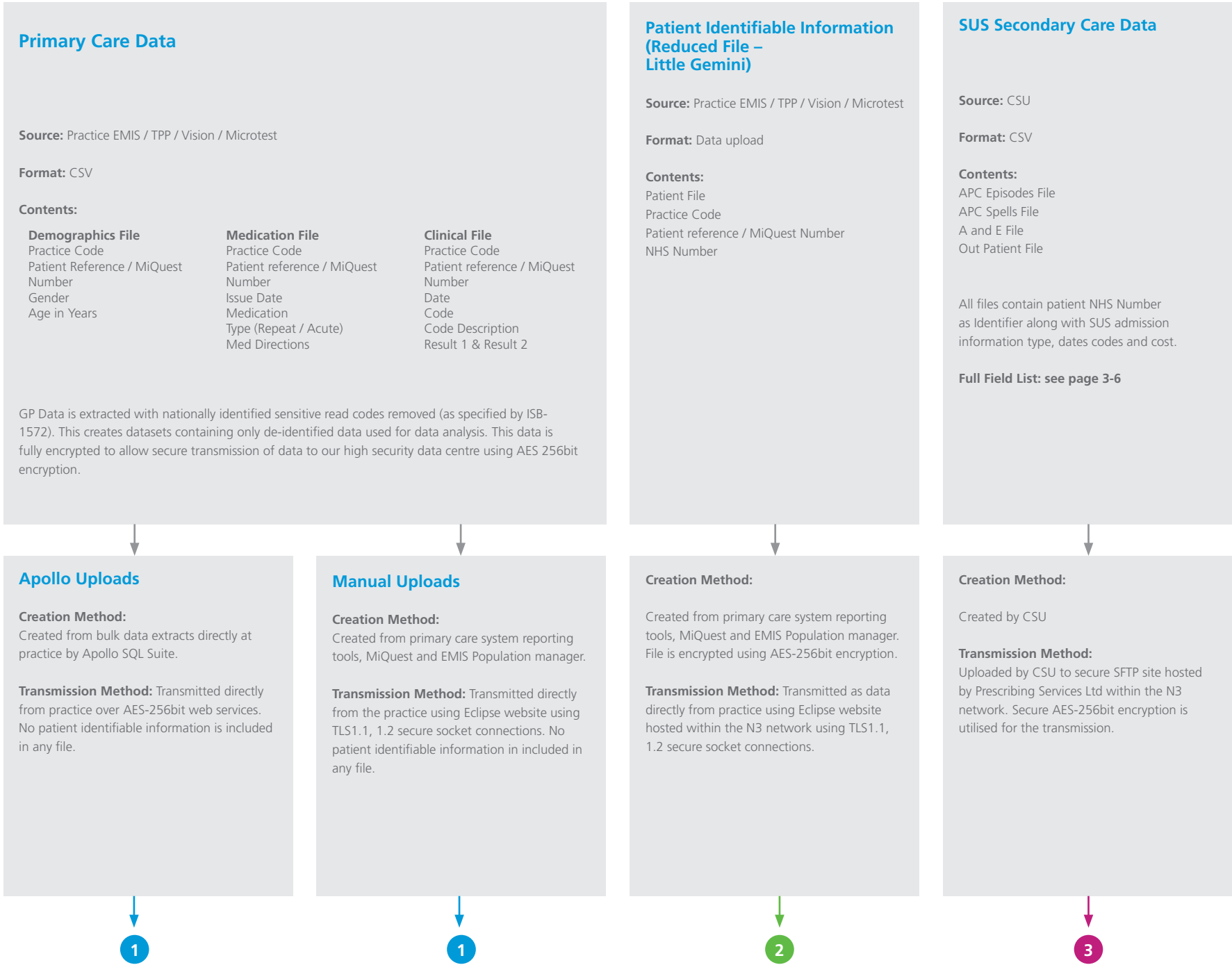
3. Upon landing in the PSL hosting facilities, a numeric identifier (Eclipse Identifier) is created for each patient. Data is summarised and stored for use with web-based applications.
4. This pseudonymised primary care data, with only internal practice identifier, is now held in NHSD certified, tested, approved data centre in disused nuclear bunker.
5. A 'Little Gemini' data set (Patient File, Practice Code, Patient reference / MiQuest Number, NHS Number) is created from primary care system reporting tools, MiQuest and EMIS Population manager. File is encrypted using AES-256bit encryption.
6. Transmitted as data directly from practice using Eclipse website hosted within the HSCN network using TLS1.1, 1.2 secure socket connections.
7. Upon landing in the PSL hosting facilities, the practice Code and patient reference in the Little Gemini data set are used to find the Eclipse Identifier for each patient within the dataset. The Eclipse identifier along with the encrypted (AES 256) patient

identifiable information are transmitted over a secure encrypted tunnel to the Trusted 3rd Party server hosted within the HSCN network at a local hospital.

8. SUS Secondary care data sets (APC Episodes File, APC Spells File, A and E File, Out Patient File) are created by the CSU. All files contain patient NHS Number as Identifier along with SUS admission information type, dates codes and cost. Full fields available in diagram below.
9. Uploaded by CSU to secure SFTP site hosted, by Prescribing Services Ltd within the HSCN, network. Secure AES-256bit encryption is utilised for the transmission.
10. Upon landing in the PSL hosting facilities, Data arrives through secure channels to a monitored folder in the PSL hosting facilities. When files are detected they are processed instantly.
11. Steps:
 - ✓ Files are read into memory.
 - ✓ For each line of the file the NHS Number is read into memory, encrypted and transmitted using AES encrypted channels to the QUHKL server.
 - ✓ The QUEKL server compares the ciphertext to encrypted NHS Numbers stored.
 - ✓ Where a match is found, the Eclipse Identifier is returned
 - ✓ The NHS Number is removed from the file line and replaced with the Eclipse Identifier.
 - ✓ Data is stored de-identified in a secure SQL Server
 - ✓ Files are permanently deleted.
12. De-identified SUS, data linked using derived Eclipse identifier, is now held in NHSD certified, tested, approved data centre in disused nuclear bunker.
13. User access to web-based application which uses Microsoft technologies (ASP.Net and SQL Server).
14. Access is limited to authorised users and utilises role-based access using 2 factor authentication.
15. Utilises primary care data and SUS Data which is pseudonymised for practice users who can only use the available patient reference for identification of patients with access to their own primary care system.
16. Practices that are using 'Little Gemini' can perform reidentification of patients raised via patient alerts and long-term condition manager.
17. This allows an authorised user to request display the NHS Number .

18. This sends the Eclipse identifier to the QEHLK to search for patient information. Where found an encrypted NHS number is returned and displayed in a separate window. The NHS number is not stored or cached and all access logged.
19. Presentation of the NHS Number can only be performed when accessed via a secure HSCN connection.
20. All user details are de-identified for use by the CCG.

Note: in the diagram below, reference to N3 should be read as HSCN.



1

An anonymous numeric identifier (Eclipse Identifier) is created for each patient. Data is summarised and stored for use with web-based applications.

2

Practice Code and patient reference are used to find the Eclipse Identifier for each patient within the dataset. The Eclipse identifier along with the encrypted (AES 256) patient identifiable information are transmitted over a secure encrypted tunnel to the Trusted 3rd Party server hosted within the N3 network at a local hospital.

3

Data arrives through secure channels to a monitored folder. When files are detected they are processed instantly. Steps:

1. Files are read into memory
2. For each line of the file the NHS Number is read into memory, encrypted and transmitted using AES encrypted channels to the QEHKL server.
3. The QUEKL server compares the ciphertext to encrypted NHS Numbers stored.
4. Where a match is found the ECLIPSE Identifier is returned
5. The NHS Number is removed from the file line and replaced with the anonymised Eclipse Identifier.
6. Data is stored de-identified in a secure SQL Server
7. Files are permanently deleted

Database within the N3 only available for access by Prescribing Services Ltd N3 server.

Data held:
Eclipse patient identifier
Encrypted NHS Number
Encrypted Name *
Encrypted Address *
Encrypted DOB *

* only available through full patient identifiable extract

Eclipse / NHS Pathways Data Repository

Pseudonymised primary care data with only internal practice identifier
Held in NHSD certified, tested, approved data centre in disused nuclear bunker, with full disaster recovery, highly restricted role-based access using two factor authentication. All access is fully auditable.

SUS Data Repository

De-identified SUS, data linked using derived Eclipse identifier
Held in NHSD certified, tested, approved data centre in disused nuclear bunker, with full disaster recovery, highly restricted role-based access using two factor authentication. All access is fully auditable.

Managed Database service hosted within the N3 Network at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Kings Lynn. Servers are provided as a managed service including updates, backups and fully firewalled to only access from Prescribing Services Ltd N3 server. Only encrypted information beyond anonymised Eclipse identifier is stored and the QEHKL does not have the ability to decrypt data. No medical information is stored at this site.

NHS Pathways / Eclipse / Advice and Guidance / VISTA

Application is web based using Microsoft technologies (ASP.Net and SQL Server). Access is limited to authorised users and utilises role-based access using 2 factor authentication. All access is encrypted using SSL TLS1.1,1.2 and access is fully audited.

Utilises primary care data, SUS Data

All data is pseudonymised for practice users who can only use the available patient reference for identification of patients with access to their own primary care system. All user details are anonymised for use by the CCG.

Application allows the management of long term conditions. Viewing and processing of alerts of patients at risk and the request of advice and guidance from consultants. Analytics for prescribing, patient care and SUS.

All access is logged along with the patient accessed, the user accessing the information, the date and time accessed and the IP address of the authenticated user

NHS Pathways / Eclipse / Advice and Guidance / VISTA – Secure N3 hosted version

Application is web based using Microsoft technologies (ASP.Net and SQL Server). Access is limited to authorised users and utilises role-based access using 2 factor authentication. All access is encrypted using SSL TLS1.1,1.2 and access is fully audited.

Utilises primary care data, SUS Data

All data is pseudonymised for practice users who can only use the available patient reference for identification of patients with access to their own primary care system. All user details are anonymised for use by the CCG.

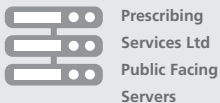
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All access is logged along with the patient accessed, the user accessing the information, the date and time accessed and the IP address of the authenticated user.

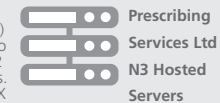
The Secure N3 version of the application performs identical tasks to the public hosted version but in addition allows the identification of patients identified in the patient alerts and long term condition manager for practices utilising TPP through the display of the patient's N3 number.

Where authorised a user may request the NHS number of a patient. This sends the Eclipse identifier to the QEHKL to search for patient information. Where found an encrypted NHS number is returned and displayed in a separate window. The NHS number is not stored or cached and all access logged.

Dual ITSEC E3 Common Criteria Compliant Firewalls



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N3 Hosted
Servers

Server administration access protection is implemented using two factor authentication using Cryptocards where the Juniper SRX firewall authenticates remote access VPN with Cryptocards using multiple encrypted radius servers. Cryptocard protected (using hardware tokens) VPN's are utilised with individual user rules / policies. To protect the segregation between the N3 and non-N3 servers no external access to N3-connected LAN is permitted and all internet based traffic will be routed to internal gateway segregated from N3- connected LAN by 2 firewalls in line with the NHS CFS design rules. An internet gateway is the only external gateway and is secured by two separate firewalls. Two Juniper SRX210 firewalls between N3 connection and Internet gateway, all inactive ports disabled. The Firewalls used are Juniper SRX firewalls which are ITSEC E3 Common Criteria EAL4 compliant.

Admitted Patient Care (APC) Episodes Fields

SUS Version	PbR Spell Start Date	Duration of Elective Wait	Secondary Procedure Date 12	Anaesthetic During Labour	Applicable Date
NHS RID (From Provider)	PbR Spell End Date	Intended Management	Spell Dominant Procedure	Anaesthetic Post Labour	Extract Date
Generated Record ID	Hospital Provider Spell Discharge Date	Decided To Admit Date	Advanced Cardiovascular Support Days	Location Class of Delivery Place (Actual)	Report Period Start Date
CDS Record Type	Hospital Provider Spell End Date	Episode Duration	Advanced Respiratory Support Days	Location Type of Delivery Place (Actual)	Report Period End Date
Reason Access Provided	Ready for Discharge Date	Episode Duration (Grouped)	Basic Cardiovascular Support Days	Birth Order	Organisation Code Type Sender
CDS Group Derived	PbR Delayed Discharge Days Derived	Length of Stay (Hospital Provider Spell)	Basic Respiratory Support Days	Birth Weight	Dominant Staging Loaded Date
CDS Group Indicator	Spell Exclusion Reason	PbR NCC PCC Adjusted Length of Stay	Critical Care Level 2 Days	Delivery Method	Extract Type
Bulk Replacement CDS Group	Applicable Costing Period	PbR Final Adjusted Length of Stay	Critical Care Level 3 Days	Delivery Place Change Reason	Location Class at Epistart
Pseudonymised Status	Episode Number	Spell ACC Length Of Stay	Critical Care Unit Function	Delivery Place Type Actual	Org Code Location at Epistart
Confidentiality Category	First Regular Day Night Admission	Spell NCC Length Of Stay	Dermatological Support Days	Delivery Place Type Intended	Org Code Type Location at Epistart
NHS Number	Last Episode in Spell Indicator	Spell PCC Length Of Stay	Neurological Support Days	First Antenatal Assessment Date	Intended Care Intensity at Epistart
Lead Care Activity Indicator	Neonatal Level of Care	Spell Primary Diagnosis	Renal Support Days	Gestation Length	Age Group Intended at Epistart
RTT Period End Date	Operation Status	Spell Secondary Diagnosis	Liver Support Days	Gestation Length Assessment	Sex Of Patients at Epistart
RTT Period Start Date	Operation Start Date	HRG Submitted	Episode ACC Length Of Stay	Live or Still Birth	Day Period Availability at Epistart
RTT Status	Episode End Date	HRG Version (Submitted)	Episode NCC Length Of Stay	Status of Person Conducting Delivery	Night Period Availability at Epistart
Unique Booking Reference Number (Converted)	CDS Activity Date	Core HRG (Calculated)	Episode PCC Length Of Stay	NHS Number Status Ind (Baby)	Location Class at Epiend
RTT Length (Derived)	Episode Start Date Original	Episode HRG Version (Calculated)	APC Tariff ID	Sex (Baby)	Org Code Location at Epiend
Age At CDS Activity Date	Commissioner Serial No (Agreement No)	Episode Dominant Procedure	Market Forces Factor	Costing Batch Sequence	Org Code Type Location at Epiend
Patient Type	NHS Service Agreement Line No	Grouping Algorithm Version	Market Forces Factor ID	Count of Days Suspended	Intended Care Intensity at Epiend
Age at Start of Episode Derived	Provider Reference No	Grouping Reference Data Version	Tariff Initial Amount National	Current Period Number	Age Group Intended at Epiend
Age At Start of Spell	Commissioner Reference No	Grouping HRG Version	Tariff Day Case National	PbR Days Beyond Trimpoint	Sex Of Patients at Epiend
Spell Age	SHA Commissioner	Spell Core HRG	Tariff Long Stay Payment National	PbR Spell Trimpoint Days	Day Period Availability at Epiend
Episode Age	SHA Provider	HRG Dominant Grouping Variable	Tariff Long Stay Rate National	Significant Specialised Service Code	Night Period Availability at Epiend
Year of Birth	Organisation Code (Code of Provider)	HRG Procedure Scheme	Tariff Service Adjustment National	Specialised Service Code 1	Spare 1
Birth Month	Provider Site Code	Unbundled HRG 1	Tariff Short Stay Elective National	Specialised Service Code 2	Spare 2
Age at Spell End Original	Organisation Code (Code of Commissioner)	Unbundled HRG 2	Tariff Short Stay Emergency National	Specialised Service Code 3	Spare 3
Age at Record Start	Commissioner Code (Original Data)	Unbundled HRG 3	Aggregate Unbundled Adjustment National	Specialised Service Code 4	Spare 4
Age At End of Spell	Commissioner Site Code	Unbundled HRG 4	Tariff Financial Adjustment National	Specialised Service Code 5	Spare 5
Age at Spell Start Original	Spell Commissioner Code	Unbundled HRG 5	Tariff Adjustment Future Use_1 National	BPT Indicator 1	FCE NPOC
Age at Record End	PCT Derived from GP	Unbundled HRG 6	Tariff Adjustment Future Use_2 National	BPT Indicator 1 Action	FCE Service Line
Age Range Derived	PCT Derived from GP Practice	Unbundled HRG 7	Applied MFF Elective	BPT Indicator 2	FCE Service Line List
Age Range Derived (Mother)	GP Practice Derived from PDS	Unbundled HRG 8	Applied MFF Non Elective	BPT Indicator 2 Action	Spell NPOC
Carer Support Indicator	Site code of Treatment (at start of episode)	Unbundled HRG 9	MFF Adjustment	BPT Indicator 3	Spell Service Line
Legal Status Classification Code	Organisation Code Type Provider	Unbundled HRG 10	Tariff Pre MFF Adjusted National	BPT Indicator 3 Action	Commissioning Region
Ethnic Category Code	Provider Code (Original Data)	Unbundled HRG 11	Tariff Total Payment National	BPT Indicator 4	Data Quality Indicator
Marital Status	Provider Location Derived	Unbundled HRG 12	Tariff Initial Amount Non Mandatory	BPT Indicator 4 Action	Unbundled exclusion reason
NHS Number Status Indicator	Organisation Code Type Commissioner	Programme Budgeting Category	Tariff Day Case Non Mandatory	BPT Indicator 5	CDS Schema Version
Gender Code	GP PCT Type (Derived)	Spell Programme Budgeting Category	Tariff Spec Serv Adjustment Non Mandatory	BPT Indicator 5 Action	Query Date
Total Previous Pregnancies	SHA from GP (Derived)	Spell Report Flag	Tariff Long Stay Rate Non Mandatory	Episode Duration Days Derived	Unique Query Id
Postcode Sector of Usual Address	PCT Derived from GP Practice (Mother)	PbR Excluded Indicator	Tariff Long Stay Payment Non Mandatory	Error Reason	Prime Recipient
Organisation Code (PCT of Residence)	Consultant Code	Episode Exclusion Reason	Aggregate Unbundled Adjustment Non Mandatory	Excluded Critical Care Days	Copy Recipients
Patient Postcode Derived PCT Type	Main Specialty Code	Code Cleaning	Tariff Adjustment Future Use_1 Non Mandatory	Finished Indicator	Ward Code at Episode Start Date
Patient Postcode Derived PCT	Treatment Function Code	PbR Costed Indicator	Tariff Financial Adjustment Non Mandatory	First Attendance	Ward Security Level at Episode Start Date
Organisation Code Type PCT of Residence	Consultant Code Type	Grouping Method	Tariff Adjustment Future Use_1 Non Mandatory	First Staging Loaded Date	Ward Code at Episode End Date
Area Code of Usual Address	Consultant Organisation Code	Configurable Indicator	Tariff Adjustment Future Use_2 Non Mandatory	HES Identifier	Ward Security Level at Episode End Date
Area Code Derived	Organisation Code Type Consultant	Diagnosis Scheme In Use	Tariff Adjustment Future Use_2 Non Mandatory	Mandatory	Derived Commissioner
Organisation Code (PCT of Residence - Mother)	Specialty Function Code Original	Primary Diagnosis Code	Applied MFF Elective Non Mandatory	Intended Procedure Status	Derived Commissioner Type
Patient Postcode Derived PCT Type (Mother)	Elective Consultant Code	Secondary Diagnosis Code 1	Applied MFF Non Elective Non Mandatory	Interchange ID	Open Spell Indicator
Patient Postcode Electoral Ward	Elective Consultant Specialty Code	Secondary Diagnosis Code 2	Tariff Pre MFF Adjusted Non Mandatory	Last Did Not Arrive Date	NHSE Planning Commissioner
SHA Type from Patient Postcode	Elective Consultant Code Type	Secondary Diagnosis Code 3	Tariff Total Payment Non Mandatory	Last Entry Review Date	
Census Output Area 2001	Elective Specialty Function Code	Secondary Diagnosis Code 4	Non Mandatory Core Tariff (with UB)	Last Staging Loaded Date	
Country	Elective Consultant Organisation Code	Secondary Diagnosis Code 5	Optional APC BPT Adjustment	Location Type Code	
County Code	Organisation Code Type Elective Consultant	Secondary Diagnosis Code 6	Tariff Initial Amount Local	Logically Deleted Date	
ED County Code	Antenatal Consultant Code	Secondary Diagnosis Code 7	Tariff Day Case Local	Maximum Episode Date	
ED District Code	Antenatal Consultant Specialty Code	Secondary Diagnosis Code 8	Tariff Short Stay Emergency Local	Onset Method	
Electoral Ward Division	Antenatal Consultant Code Type	Secondary Diagnosis Code 9	Tariff Long Stay Rate Local	Organisation Code Type Location	
Government Office Region Code	Antenatal Specialty Function Code	Secondary Diagnosis Code 10	Aggregate Unbundled Adjustment Local	Other Indicator	
Local Authority Code	Antenatal Consultant Organisation Code	Secondary Diagnosis Code 11	Tariff Long Stay Payment Local	Outcome Of Attendance	
SHA Old Org Code	Organisation Code Type Antenatal Consultant	Secondary Diagnosis Code 12	Tariff Total Payment Local	PCT Responsible	
Electoral Ward 1998	Registered GMP Code	Procedure Scheme In Use	Local Core Tariff (with UB)	Record Extraction Indicator	
Hospital Provider Spell No	GP Code (Original Data)	Primary Procedure Code	PbR Final Tariff	Re-costing Requested Flag	
ADMINISTRATIVE CATEGORY (AT START OF EPISODE)	GP Practice Code	Secondary Procedure Code 1	Final Tariff Applied	Resuscitation Method	
ADMINISTRATIVE CATEGORY (ON ADMISSION)	GP Consortium Code	Secondary Procedure Code 2	App Period Spell Status Indicator	Service Original	
Patient Classification	GP Practice Code (Original Data)	Secondary Procedure Code 3	Hospital Provider Spell Duration Days Derived	Service Top-up Percentage	
Admission Method (Hospital Provider Spell)	GP Practice Code (Derived)	Secondary Procedure Code 4	Number of Episodes in PbR Spell	Short Stay Redn Pcnt	
Admission Method (Original Data)	Referrer Code	Secondary Procedure Code 5	RAP DH Tariff Adjustment Child	Significant Service ID	
Admission Type (Derived)	Referring Organisation Code	Secondary Procedure Code 6	RAP Validation Child Indicator	Specialty Service Top-up	
Admission Subtype (Derived)	Code of GP	Secondary Procedure Code 7	RAP Spell Type	Temporary Cost Period Status	
Discharge Destination (Hospital Provider Spell)	Organisation Code GP	Secondary Procedure Code 8	PbR Generated Interchange ID	Test Indicator	
Discharge Method (Hospital Provider Spell)	Organisation Code Type GP Practice	Secondary Procedure Code 9	PbR Spell Cost ID	Update Type	
Source of Admission (Hospital Provider Spell)	GP Code (Mother)	Secondary Procedure Code 10	PbR Spell Cost Version Date	Version Sequence Number	
Start Date (Hospital Provider Spell)	Organisation Code GP (Mother)	Secondary Procedure Code 11	PbR Spell Const Version Number	Number of Commissioners in PbR Spell	
End Date (Hospital Provider Spell)	Organisation Code Type GP (Mother)	Secondary Procedure Code 12	PbR Spell Complete Indicator	Number Diagnosis	
Spell In PbR/Not In PbR	GP Code Type		PbR Spell Error Status	Number Procedures	
Spell Version As At Date And Time	GP Code Type (Mother)		PbR Spell Frozen Indicator	Number Unbundled HRGs	
Delay Discharge Reason	First GP Organisation Code		Spell Service ID	Number Unbundled Priced HRGs	
Delayed Discharged Days	GP Practice Code Original		Spell Service Version	Excluded Episodes in Hospital Provider Spell	
Administrative Category (Derived)	GP Practice Code Derived		PbR Spell Status Indicator	Number Hospital Provider Spell ID	
Elective Admission Type	GP Practice Code derived (Mother)		Match Criterion Indicator	Number SSCs	
	Organisation Code Type Referrer		Number of Babies	Number BPT Indicators	
	Referrer Code Type		Location Class of Delivery Place (Intended)	Organisation Code (Sender)	
	Organisation Code Type Prime Recipient		Location Type of Delivery Place (Intended)	Staging Loaded Date	
				Protocol Identifier	
				Unique CDS Identifier	

Admitted Patient Care (APC) Spells Fields

SUS Version	Number Procedures	Non Mandatory Core Tariff (with UB)
Pseudonymised Status	Number Unbundled HRGs	Optional APC BPT Adjustment
Reason Access Provided	Number Unbundled Non Priced HRGs	Tariff Initial Amount Local
NHS Number	Number Unbundled Priced HRGs	Tariff Day Case Local
RTT Period End Date	Excluded Episodes in Hospital Provider Spell	Tariff Short Stay Emergency Local
RTT Period Start Date	Number SSCs	Tariff Long Stay Rate Local
RTT Status	Number BPT Indicators	Aggregate UnBundled Adjustment Local
Unique Booking Reference Number (Converted)	PbR Spell Trimpoint Days	Tariff Long Stay Payment Local
Age At CDS Activity Date	PbR Days Beyond Trimpoint	Tariff Total Payment Local
Age At Start of Spell	Spell ACC Length Of Stay	Local Core Tariff (with UB)
Age At End of Spell	Spell NCC Length Of Stay	PbR Final Tariff
Spell Age	Spell PCC Length Of Stay	Final Tariff Applied
Patient Type	Spell Primary Diagnosis	PbR Costed Indicator
Carer Support Indicator	Spell Secondary Diagnosis	Grouping Method
Legal Status Classification Code	Spell Dominant Procedure	Configurable Indicator
Ethnic Category Code	Primary Procedure Code	Code Cleaning
Marital Status	Significant Specialised Service Code	Spell Core HRG
NHS Number Status Indicator	Specialised Service Code 1	Core HRG Version (Calculated)
Gender Code	Specialised Service Code 2	HRG Submitted
Organisation Code (PCT of Residence)	Specialised Service Code 3	HRG Version (Submitted)
Patient Classification	Specialised Service Code 4	Grouping Algorithm Version
Admission Type (Derived)	Specialised Service Code 5	Grouping Reference Data Version
Admission Subtype (Derived)	BPT Indicator 1	Grouping HRG Version
Ready for Discharge Date	BPT Indicator 1 Action	Unbundled HRG 1
Delay Discharge Reason	BPT Indicator 2	Unbundled HRG 2
Spell In PbR/Not In PbR	BPT Indicator 2 Action	Unbundled HRG 3
Spell Exclusion Reason	BPT Indicator 3	Unbundled HRG 4
Spell Version As At Date And Time	BPT Indicator 3 Action	Unbundled HRG 5
Applicable Costing Period	BPT Indicator 4	Unbundled HRG 6
Provider Reference No	BPT Indicator 4 Action	Unbundled HRG 7
Commissioner Reference No	BPT Indicator 5	Unbundled HRG 8
SHA Commissioner	BPT Indicator 5 Action	Unbundled HRG 9
SHA Provider	Tariff Initial Amount National	Unbundled HRG 10
Organisation Code (Code of Provider)	Tariff Day Case National	Unbundled HRG 11
Provider Site Code	Tariff Short Stay Emergency National	Unbundled HRG 12
Organisation Code (Code of Commissioner)	Tariff Service Adjustment National	Spell Programme Budgeting Category
Commissioner Code (Original Data)	Tariff Long Stay Rate National	Number of Babies
Commissioner Site Code	Tariff Long Stay Payment National	PbR Spell Error Status
Organisation Code Type Commissioner	Aggregate UnBundled Adjustment National	PbR Spell Frozen Indicator
PCT Derived from GP	Tariff Financial Adjustment National	PbR Spell Status Indicator
PCT Derived from GP Practice	Tariff Adjustment Future Use_1 National	Match Criterion Indicator
GP Practice Derived from PDS	Tariff Adjustment Future Use_2 National	RAP DH Tariff Adjustment Child
Main Specialty Code	Applied MFF Elective	RAP Validation Child Indicator
Treatment Function Code	Applied MFF Non Elective	RAP Spell Type
Registered GMP Code	MFF Adjustment	Applicable Date
GP Code (Original data)	Tariff Pre MFF Adjusted National	Extract Date
GP Practice Code	Tariff Total Payment National	Extract Type
GP Consortium Code	Tariff Initial Amount Non Mandatory	Spare 1
GP Practice Code (Original Data)	Tariff Day Case Non Mandatory	Spare 2
GP Practice Code (Derived)	Tariff Short Stay Emergency Non Mandatory	Spare 3
Organisation Code Type GP Practice	Tariff Spec Serv Adjustment Non Mandatory	Spare 4
Referrer Code	Tariff Long Stay Rate Non Mandatory	Spare 5
Referring Organisation Code	Tariff Long Stay Payment Non Mandatory	Spell NPOC
Duration of Elective Wait	Aggregate UnBundled Adjustment Non Mandatory	Spell Service Line
Intended Management	Tariff Financial Adjustment Non Mandatory	Commissioning Region
Decided To Admit Date	Tariff Adjustment Future Use_1 Non Mandatory	CDS Schema Version
Length of Stay (Hospital Provider Spell)	Tariff Adjustment Future Use_2 Non Mandatory	Query Date
PbR NCC PCC Adjusted Length of Stay	Applied MFF Elective Non Mandatory	Unique Query Id
PbR Final Adjusted Length of Stay	Applied MFF Non Elective Non Mandatory	Prime Recipient
Number of Commissioners in PbR Spell	Tariff Pre MFF Adjusted Non Mandatory	Copy Recipients
Number Diagnosis	Tariff Total Payment Non Mandatory	Derived Commissioner
Number Hospital Provider Spell ID		Derived Commissioner Type
		Open Spell Indicator

Out Patient Appointment Fields

SUS Version	Provider Reference No	Procedure	MFF Adjustment	Spell Service Line
NHS RID (From Provider)	Commissioner Reference No	Unbundled HRG 1	Tariff Total Payment National	Commissioning Region
CDS Record Type	SHA Commissioner	Unbundled HRG 2	Outpatient Tariff	Unbundled exclusion reason
Reason Access Provided	SHA Provider	Unbundled HRG 3	Market Forces Factor ID	Grouping Algorithm Version
CDS Group Derived	Organisation Code (Code of Provider)	Unbundled HRG 4	Tariff Initial Amount Non Mandatory	Grouping Reference Data Version
CDS Group Indicator	Provider Site Code	Unbundled HRG 5	Aggregate UnBundled Adjustment Non Mandatory	Grouping HRG Version
Bulk Replacement CDS Group	Organisation Code (Code of Commissioner)	Unbundled HRG 6	Tariff Financial Adjustment Non Mandatory	CDS Schema Version
Exclusion Reason	Commissioner Code (Original Data)	Unbundled HRG 7	Tariff Adjustment Future Use_1 Non Mandatory	Query Date
Pseudonymised Status	Commissioner Site Code	Unbundled HRG 8	Tariff Adjustment Future Use_2 Non Mandatory	Unique Query Id
Confidentiality Category	PCT Derived from GP	Unbundled HRG 9	Tariff Pre MFF Adjusted Non Mandatory	Copy Recipients
Configurable Indicator	PCT Derived from GP Practice	Unbundled HRG 10	Applied MFF Non Mandatory	Derived Commissioner
Code Cleaning	GP Practice Derived from PDS	Unbundled HRG 11	MFF Adjustment Non Mandatory	Derived Commissioner Type
NHS Number	Location Class	Unbundled HRG 12	Tariff Total Payment Non Mandatory	Is Valid UBRN
Lead Care Activity Indicator	Site code of Treatment	HRG Dominant Grouping Variable	Non Mandatory Core Tariff (with UB)	UBRN Occurrence Count
RTT Period End Date	Organisation Code Type Provider	HRG Procedure Scheme	Tariff Initial Amount Local	
RTT Period Start Date	Organisation Code Type Commissioner	Diagnosis Scheme In Use	Aggregate UnBundled Adjustment Local	
RTT Status	GP PCT Type (Derived)	Primary Diagnosis Code	Tariff Total Payment Local	
Unique Booking Reference Number (Converted)	PCT of Residence (Original)	Secondary Diagnosis Code 1	Local Core Tariff (with UB)	
RTT Length (Derived)	PCT Responsible	Secondary Diagnosis Code 2	PbR Final Tariff	
Age	Location Type Code	Secondary Diagnosis Code 3	Final Tariff Applied	
Derived Age	Attendance Organisation Code Type	Secondary Diagnosis Code 4	Number Diagnosis	
Patient Type	Provider Location	Secondary Diagnosis Code 5	Number Procedures	
Year of Birth	Consultant Code	Secondary Diagnosis Code 6	Number Unbundled HRGs	
Month of Birth	Main Specialty Code	Secondary Diagnosis Code 7	Number Unbundled Non Priced HRGs	
Age at Record End	Treatment Function Code	Secondary Diagnosis Code 8	Number Unbundled Priced HRGs	
Age at Record Start	Consultant Code Type	Secondary Diagnosis Code 9	Number BPT Indicators	
Age Range Derived	Consultant Organisation Code	Secondary Diagnosis Code 10	Organisation Code (Sender)	
Carer Support Indicator	Organisation Code Type Consultant	Secondary Diagnosis Code 11	Staging Loaded Date	
Ethnic Category Code	Registered GMP Code	Secondary Diagnosis Code 12	Protocol Identifier	
Marital Status	GP Code	Procedure Scheme In Use	Unique CDS Identifier	
NHS Number Status Indicator	GP Practice Code	Primary Procedure Code	Applicable Date	
Gender Code	GP Consortium Code	Secondary Procedure Code 1	Extract Date	
Postcode Sector of Usual Address	GP Practice Code (Original Data)	Secondary Procedure Code 2	Report Period Start Date	
Organisation Code (PCT of Residence)	GP Practice Code (Derived)	Secondary Procedure Code 3	Report Period End Date	
Patient Postcode Electoral Ward	Referrer Code	Secondary Procedure Code 4	Organisation Code Type Sender	
Area Code Derived	Referring Organisation Code	Secondary Procedure Code 5	Match Criterion Indicator	
Organisation Code Type PCT of Residence	GP Code Type	Secondary Procedure Code 6	Costing Batch Sequence	
SHA Type from Patient Postcode	Organisation Code Type GP	Secondary Procedure Code 7	Current Period Number	
Census Output Area 2001	First GP Organisation Code	Secondary Procedure Code 8	Finished Indicator	
Country	Organisation Code of GP	Secondary Procedure Code 9	HES Identifier	
County Code	SHA from GP (Derived)	Secondary Procedure Code 10	Intended Procedure Status	
ED County Code	SHA Type from GP (Derived)	Secondary Procedure Code 11	Interchange ID	
ED District Code	Referrer Code Type	Secondary Procedure Code 12	Prime Recipient	
Electoral Ward Division	Organisation Code Type Referrer	Primary Procedure Date	Organisation Code Type Prime Recipient	
Government Office Region Code	Priority Type	HRG Used for Tariff	Other Indicator	
Local Authority Code	Service Type Requested	Tariff Initial Amount National	PbR Generated Interchange ID	
SHA Old Org Code	Referral Request Received Date	Aggregate UnBundled Adjustment National	Record Extraction Indicator	
Electoral Ward 1998	Last DNA or Patient Cancelled Date	Tariff Financial Adjustment National	Re-costing Requested Flag	
Attendance Identifier	Request Received Date Status	Tariff Adjustment Future Use_1 National	Temporary Cost Period Status	
Administrative Category	Last Did Not Arrive Date	Tariff Adjustment Future Use_2 National	Test Indicator	
Attended Or Did Not Attend	Spell Version As At Date And Time	Tariff Pre MFF Adjusted National	Update Type	
First Attendance	Applicable Costing Period	Applied MFF National	Version Sequence Number	
Outcome Of Attendance	PbR Spell Status Indicator		Hierarchy	
Medical Staff Type Seeing Patient	PbR Spell Frozen Indicator		Costed Indicator	
Source of Referral for Outpatients	PbR Spell Cost ID		Spare 1	
Appointment Date	Spell Cost Version Date		Spare 2	
Operation Status	Spell Error Status		Spare 3	
OP Episode Type	Spell Const Version No		Spare 4	
CDS Activity Date	HRG (Submitted)		Spare 5	
Attendance Date	Core HRG Version (Calculated)		Direct access tariff flag	
Attender Type Derived	Core HRG		Spell NPOC	
Commissioning Serial No (Agreement No)	SUS HRG			
NHS Service Agreement Line No	HRG Version (Submitted)			
	HRG Dominant Grouping Variable			

Accident and Emergency (A&E) Admission Fields

SUS Version	EM Attendance Conclusion Time	Secondary Diagnosis Code 8	PROCEDURE DATE (of Subsequent Treatments) 10	Number EM Treatments
NHS RID (From Provider)	EM Departure Time	Secondary Diagnosis Code 9	EM Treatment Second 11	Organisation Code (Sender)
CDS Record Type	EM Initial Assessment Time	Secondary Diagnosis Code 10	PROCEDURE DATE (of Subsequent Treatments) 11	Staging Loaded Date
Reason Access Provided	EM Time Seen for Treatment	Secondary Diagnosis Code 11	EM Treatment Second 12	Protocol Identifier
CDS Group Derived	Arrival Time	Secondary Diagnosis Code 12	PROCEDURE DATE (of Subsequent Treatments) 12	Unique CDS Identifier
CDS Group Indicator	CDS Activity Date	EM Diagnosis First	PRIMARY PROCEDURE	Applicable Date and Time
Bulk Replacement CDS Group	EM Attendance Category ID	EM Diagnosis Second 1	Primary Procedure Date	Extract Date
Spell In Pbr/Not In Pbr	Consultant Code Type	EM Diagnosis Second 2	Secondary Procedure Code 1	Report Period Start Date
Exclusion Reason	Consultant Organisation Code	EM Diagnosis Second 3	Secondary Procedure Date 1	Report Period End Date
Pseudonymised Status	Organisation Code Type Consultant	EM Diagnosis Second 4	Secondary Procedure Code 2	Organisation Code Type Sender
Confidentiality Category	EM Conclusion Waiting Time	EM Diagnosis Second 5	Secondary Procedure Date 2	Match Criterion Indicator
Configurable Indicator	EM Duration Time	EM Diagnosis Second 6	Secondary Procedure Code 3	Cost Period Spell Status Indicator
Code Cleaning	EM Assessment Waiting Time	EM Diagnosis Second 7	Secondary Procedure Date 3	Costed Indicator
NHS Number	EM Treatment Wait Time	EM Diagnosis Second 8	Secondary Procedure Code 4	Costing Batch Sequence
Lead Care Activity Indicator	Commissioning Serial No (Agreement No)	EM Diagnosis Second 9	Secondary Procedure Date 4	Current Period Number
Organisation Code Patient Pathway Identifier	NHS Service Agreement Line No	EM Diagnosis Second 10	Secondary Procedure Code 5	Finished Indicator
RTT Patient Pathway Identifier	Provider Reference No	EM Diagnosis Second 11	Secondary Procedure Date 5	HES Identifier
RTT Period End Date	Commissioner Reference No	EM Diagnosis Second 12	Secondary Procedure Code 6	Intended Procedure Status
RTT Period Start Date	SHA Commissioner	Diagnosis Type	Secondary Procedure Date 6	Interchange ID
RTT Status	SHA Provider	Investigation Scheme In Use	Secondary Procedure Code 7	Attendance Location Class
Unique Booking Reference Number (Converted)	Organisation Code (Code of Provider)	EM Investigation First	Secondary Procedure Date 7	Location Type Code
RTT Length (Derived)	Provider Site Code	EM Investigation Second 1	Secondary Procedure Code 8	Attendance Site Code
Age At CDS Activity Date	Organisation Code (Code of Commissioner)	EM Investigation Second 2	Secondary Procedure Date 8	Prime Recipient
Derived Age	Commissioner Code (Original Data)	EM Investigation Second 3	Secondary Procedure Code 9	Organisation Code Type Prime Recipient
Patient Type	Commissioner Site Code	EM Investigation Second 4	Secondary Procedure Date 9	Organisation Code Type Location
Age Range Derived	PCT Derived from GP	EM Investigation Second 5	Secondary Procedure Code 10	Other Indicator
Year of Birth	PCT Derived from GP Practice	EM Investigation Second 6	Secondary Procedure Date 10	Pbr Generated Interchange ID
Month of Birth	GP Practice Derived from PDS	EM Investigation Second 7	Secondary Procedure Code 11	Spell Const Version No
Age at Record Start	Organisation Code Type Provider	EM Investigation Second 8	Secondary Procedure Date 11	Pbr Spell Cost ID
Age at Record End	Provider Code (Original Data)	EM Investigation Second 9	Secondary Procedure Code 12	Pbr Spell Cost Version Date
Carer Support Indicator	Organisation Code Type Commissioner	EM Investigation Second 10	Derived EM Department Type	Provider Location
Ethnic Category Code	GP PCT Type (Derived)	EM Investigation Second 11	EM Department Type	Record Extraction Indicator
Marital Status	Registered GMP Code	EM Investigation Second 12	EM Department Type MIU Indicator Derived	Re-costing Requested Flag
NHS Number Status Indicator	Registered GMP Code (Original Data)	Procedure Scheme In Use	Tariff Initial Amount National	Referrer Code Type
Gender Code	GP Practice Code (Original Data)	EM Treatment First	Tariff Financial Adjustment National	Organisation Code Type Referrer
Postcode Sector of Usual Address	GP Practice Code	PROCEDURE DATE (of First Treatment)	Tariff Adjustment Future Use_1 National	First Referrer Organisation Code
Organisation Code (PCT of Residence)	GP Consortium Code	EM Treatment Second 1	Tariff Adjustment Future Use_2 National	Spell Complete Indicator
Patient Postcode Electoral Ward	GP Code Type	PROCEDURE DATE (of Subsequent Treatments) 1	Tariff Pre MFF Adjusted National	Temporary Cost Period Status
SHA Type from Patient Postcode	Organisation Code GP	EM Treatment Second 2	Applied MFF National	Test Indicator
Area Code Derived	Organisation Code Type GP	PROCEDURE DATE (of Subsequent Treatments) 2	MFF Adjustment	Update Type
Organisation Code Type PCT of Residence	First GP Organisation Code	EM Treatment Second 3	Tariff Total Payment National	Version Sequence Number
PCT of Residence (Original)	SHA from GP (Derived)	PROCEDURE DATE (of Subsequent Treatments) 3	EM Tariff ID	Maximum Episode Date
PCT Responsible	SHA Type from GP (Derived)	EM Treatment Second 4	Market Forces Factor ID	Hierarchy
Census Output Area 2001	Spell Version As At Date And Time	PROCEDURE DATE (of Subsequent Treatments) 4	Tariff Initial Amount Non Mandatory	Pbr Spell Service ID Version
Country	Applicable Costing Period	EM Treatment Second 5	Tariff Financial Adjustment Non Mandatory	Spell Error Status
County Code	Pbr Spell Status Indicator	PROCEDURE DATE (of Subsequent Treatments) 5	Tariff Adjustment Future Use_1 Non Mandatory	Spare 1
ED County Code	Pbr Spell Frozen Indicator	EM Treatment Second 6	Tariff Pre MFF Adjusted Non Mandatory	Spare 2
ED District Code	HRG Code - Submitted	PROCEDURE DATE (of Subsequent Treatments) 6	Applied MFF Non Mandatory	Spare 3
Electoral Ward Division	HRG Code Version - Submitted	EM Treatment Second 7	MFF Adjustment Non Mandatory	Spare 4
Government Office Region Code	Core HRG	PROCEDURE DATE (of Subsequent Treatments) 7	Tariff Total Payment Non Mandatory	Spare 5
Local Authority Code	HRG Code Version - Calculated	EM Treatment Second 8	Tariff Initial Amount Local	Grouping Algorithm Version
SHA Old Org Code	HRG Dominant Grouping Variable	PROCEDURE DATE (of Subsequent Treatments) 8	Tariff Total Payment Local	Grouping Reference Data Version
Electoral Ward 1998	HRG Dominant Grouping Variable Procedure	EM Treatment Second 9	Pbr Final Tariff	Grouping HRG Version
EM Attendance Number	Diagnosis Scheme In Use	PROCEDURE DATE (of Subsequent Treatments) 9	Final Tariff Applied	CDS Schema Version
EM Mode of Arrival	ICD 10 Primary Diagnosis	EM Treatment Second 10	Number Diagnosis	Query Date
EM Attendance Category	Secondary Diagnosis Code 1	PROCEDURE DATE (of Subsequent Treatments) 10	Number Procedures	Unique Query Id
EM Attendance Disposal	Secondary Diagnosis Code 2			Copy Recipients
EM Incident Location Type	Secondary Diagnosis Code 3			Derived Commissioner
EM Staff Member Code	Secondary Diagnosis Code 4			Derived Commissioner Type
EM Referral Source	Secondary Diagnosis Code 5			
Arrival Date	Secondary Diagnosis Code 6			
EM Patient Group	Secondary Diagnosis Code 7			



Risk Assessment

SOURCES

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[General Data Protection Regulations \(EU\) 2016/679 \(GDPR\)](#)

[Information Commissioner – Guide to the General Data Protection Regulations \(ICO Guide\)](#)

[Information Commissioner - Data Protection Impact Assessments](#)

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1. INTRODUCTION

The UK Information Commissioner and the European Data Protection Board provide that Data Protection Impact Assessments are necessary, in certain circumstances, to assess the level of risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

Controllers must consider both the likelihood and the severity of any impact on individuals. High risk could result from either a high probability of some harm, or a lower possibility of serious harm.

The risk assessment serves to support Controller customers to identify the level of inherent risk so that the measures being put in place to mitigate the risk are proportionate to the impact that projects or initiatives might have on data subjects.

2. ACCOUNTABILITY

Prescribing Services Ltd (PSL) are a Processor and are therefore required to provide assurance that their technical and organisational measures that are comparable to those implemented by the Controller and proportionate to the risk.

Unlike the Controller, they are not in a position to assess the risk to the rights and freedoms of particular data subjects since they are not in control of establishing the lawful basis or a direct route for giving effect to data subject rights. However, due to the nature and scope of processing, it seems reasonable to assume that implementing the described project represents at least a moderate to high degree of risk to the rights and freedoms of data subjects in the event that appropriate technical and organisational measures are not put in place at all. This assessment will therefore explore each of the elements drawn out within data protection legislation for mitigation of those risks.

3. ASSET CRITICALITY SCORING GRID

Typically, critical national services. Absence of system leads to complete failure of dependent systems and services with a high possibility of personal safety issues. Service interruption results in severe reputational damage	5
Predominantly transactional services. Absence leads to operational difficulties that can be coped with for a limited period. May lead to increased risk to stakeholders or organisation.	4
Predominantly data capture, batch processing. Absence leads to operational difficulties, but these are manageable for an extended 2period. Eg. 1 day. Absence of system may lead to a slight increase in risk to stakeholders or organisation.	3
Business Hours Support (8am-6pm) Mon-Fri (not BH). Service Availability 98%. DR optional - dependant on outcome of BIA.	2

4. DATA RISK SCORING GRID

Data is aggregated and anonymised.	2
Low volume of personal data involved or high volumes of anonymised data.	3
High-volume personal data or low volume special category data.	4
High volume and special category data or includes stigmatised information (i.e. mental health data).	5

5. RISK SCORING MATRIX

	Asset Criticality				
		2	3	4	5
Impact of data breach	2	Bronze			
	3		Silver		
	4			Gold	
	5				Platinum

6. ASSESSMENT AND RATIONALE

What score has the project been given in terms of criticality of resulting asset or service?	<p>Predominantly transactional services. Absence leads to operational difficulties that can be coped with for a limited period. May lead to increased risk to clinical care.</p>
Rationale	<p>Whilst the systems and services provided by PSL are ordinarily supplementary to core clinical services, they are increasingly being used to identify cohorts of patients who require specific interventions in relation to cancer pathways, for example, or as a result of the pandemic. To reflect that, this assessment has heightened the potential critically based on the fact that some customers may rely more on the services that others. By assessing the service in this way, it allows the design and underlying</p>

	compliance to reflect a potential future state whereby PSL services are fundamental to supporting core health and care services.
What score has the project been given in terms of the nature and volume of data being processed?	High volume and special category data and includes stigmatised information.
Rationale	PSL are supporting many GPs and CCG across the country which results in thousands of patients' data being extracted on a daily basis. This includes read coded, de-identified data that this includes health information - including stigmatised information. Whilst the data is de-identified, this assessment takes the approach of assuming highest risk such that customers are assured with regards to measures adopted to reduce risk.
Overall risk score given to the processing activity / project in question.	GOLD
Does the project involve introduction of a cloud service to be assessed?	Introduces cloud services that will need to be assessed

6. RISK ASSESSMENT CONCLUSION

The project has been assessed to have an overall risk score of **GOLD** and so the measures to be applied will be proportionate to reduce the inherent risk levels to a suitable level such that they can be accepted by the Controller.



Controllers and Processors

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[ICO Guidance - Data Controllers](#)

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1. DEFINITIONS / CONTEXT

“It is essential for organisations involved in the processing of personal data to be able to determine whether they are acting as a data controller or as a data processor in respect of the processing. This is particularly important in situations such as a data breach where it will be necessary to determine which organisation has data protection responsibility.

The data controller must exercise overall control over the purpose for which, and the manner in which, personal data are processed. However, in reality a data processor can itself exercise some control over the manner of processing – e.g. over the technical aspects of how a particular service is delivered.

The fact that one organisation provides a service to another organisation does not necessarily mean that it is acting as a data processor. It could be a data controller in its own right, depending on the degree of control it exercises over the processing operation.”¹

2. DATA CONTROLLERS

GP Practices has been assessed to be a Data Controller.

This is because;

- They decided to collect or process the personal data.
- They decided what the purpose or outcome of the processing was to be.
- They decided what personal data should be collected.
- They decided which individuals to collect personal data about.

¹ <https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1546/data-controllers-and-data-processors-dp-guidance.pdf>

- They make decisions about the individuals concerned as part of or as a result of the processing.
- They exercise professional judgement in the processing of the personal data.
- They have a direct relationship with the data subjects.
- They have complete autonomy as to how the personal data is processed.
- They have appointed the processors to process the personal data on their behalf.

Clinical Commissioning Groups have also been assessed to be a Data Controller.

This is because;

- They decided to collect or process the personal data.
- They decided what the purpose or outcome of the processing was to be.
- They decided what personal data should be collected.
- They decided which individuals to collect personal data about.
- They make decisions about the individuals concerned as part of or as a result of the processing.
- They exercise professional judgement in the processing of the personal data.
- They have appointed the processors to process the personal data on their behalf

2. DATA PROCESSORS

Prescribing Services Limited has been assessed to be a Data Processor.

This is because;

- They are following instructions from someone else regarding the processing of personal data.

- They were given the personal data by a customer or similar third party, or told what data to collect.
- They do not decide to collect personal data from individuals.
- They do not decide what personal data should be collected from individuals.
- They do not decide the lawful basis for the use of that data.
- They do not decide what purpose or purposes the data will be used for.
- They do not decide whether to disclose the data, or to whom.
- They do not decide how long to retain the data.
- They may make some decisions on how data is processed, but implement these decisions under a contract with someone else.
- They are not interested in the end result of the processing.

Wellbeing Software (Apollo) has been assessed to be a Sub Processor.

This is because;

- They are following instructions from someone else regarding the processing of personal data.
- They were given the personal data by a customer or similar third party or told what data to collect.
- They do not decide to collect personal data from individuals.
- They do not decide what personal data should be collected from individuals.
- They do not decide the lawful basis for the use of that data.
- They do not decide what purpose or purposes the data will be used for.
- They do not decide whether to disclose the data, or to whom.
- They do not decide how long to retain the data.
- They may make some decisions on how data is processed, but implement these decisions under a contract with someone else.
- They are not interested in the end result of the processing.

The Bunker has also been assessed to be a Sub Processor.

This is because;

- They are following instructions from someone else regarding the processing of personal data.
- They were given the personal data by a customer or similar third party, or told what data to collect.
- They do not decide to collect personal data from individuals.
- They do not decide what personal data should be collected from individuals.
- They do not decide the lawful basis for the use of that data.
- They do not decide what purpose or purposes the data will be used for.
- They do not decide whether to disclose the data, or to whom.
- They do not decide how long to retain the data.
- They may make some decisions on how data is processed but implement these decisions under a contract with someone else.
- They are not interested in the end result of the processing.

3. APPROPRIATE SHARING DOCUMENTS

“It is good practice for you to have written data sharing agreements when controllers share personal data. This helps everyone to understand the purpose for the sharing, what will happen at each stage and what responsibilities they have. It also helps you to demonstrate compliance in a clear and formal way. Similarly, written contracts help controllers and

processors to demonstrate compliance and understand their obligations, responsibilities and liabilities.”²

The stakeholders have the following in place;

- A Processing Contract between GP Practices and PSL
- A Processing Contract between PSL and CCG
- A Processing Contract between PSL and Apollo
- A Processing Contract between PSL and The Bunker

The CCG and the GP Practices will also have between them;

- A Data Sharing Agreement approved by NHS Digital that names PSL as an approved Risk Stratification provider

● PROCESSING CONTRACT REVIEWS

In accordance with s 56 of the Data Protection Act 2018, there is a need to ensure that the legally required processing clauses are included in any contract between a Controller and Processor or Processor and Sub Processors.

Name of Supplier: PSL

Contract reviewed: [PSL GP Processing Contract](#)

Clause	Status	Comments
Is the processor required to provide, on request evidence that they have implemented appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect Personal Data including storage and transmission of data, business continuity, staff training, auditing, access control and Cyber security?	Yes	Section 2.9.5

² <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/accountability-framework/contracts-and-data-sharing/>

Does the contract state that the processor shall not engage another processor without prior specific or general written authorisation of the controller?	Yes	2.5
Does the contract set out the subject-matter and duration of the processing, the nature and purpose of the processing, the type of personal data and categories of data subjects and the obligations and rights of the controller?	Yes	Schedule 1
Does the contract stipulate that the Processor processes the personal data only on documented instructions from the controller, including with regard to transfers of personal data to a third country or an international organisation, unless required to do so by law and in those cases will notify the Controller?	Yes	2.9.4
Does the contract state that all staff employed by the processor have contracts that include confidentiality clauses and that Personal Data will not be shared with third party unless required to do so by law?	Yes	Yes
Does the contract require the Processor to assist the Controller to respond to requests for exercising the data subject's rights i.e. access to information, correction of errors?	Yes	2.9.7
Does the contract require the Processor to assist the Controller in reporting information incidents promptly including where it might be required to contact the data subject?	Yes	2.9.7
Does the contract state what should happen to the data at the end of the contract or in the event of termination such as return of the data or secure destruction?	Yes	Schedule 2
Does the contract require the Processor to allow for a comply with audits including inspections conducted by the Controller or a third party engaged by the Controller?	Yes	2.10

Name of Supplier: Wellbeing Software

Contract reviewed: Apollo Services Agreement

Clause	Status	Comments
Is the processor required to provide, on request evidence that they have implemented appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect Personal Data including storage and transmission of data, business continuity, staff training, auditing, access control and Cyber security?	Yes	s 4.10.2 (c)
Does the contract state that the processor shall not engage another processor without prior specific or general written authorisation of the controller?	Yes	4.2.10 (e)
Does the contract set out the subject-matter and duration of the processing, the nature and purpose of the processing, the type of personal data and categories of data subjects and the obligations and rights of the controller?	Yes	Specified in the customer Project Order (separate)
Does the contract stipulate that the Processor processes the personal data only on documented instructions from the controller, including with regard to transfers of personal data to a third country or an international organisation, unless required to do so by law and in those cases will notify the Controller?	Yes	s 5.8.2
Does the contract state that all staff employed by the processor have contracts that include confidentiality clauses and that Personal Data will not be shared with third party unless required to do so by law?	Yes	Yes
Does the contract require the Processor to assist the Controller to respond to requests for exercising the	Yes	4.2.10 (i)

data subject's rights i.e. access to information, correction of errors?		
Does the contract require the Processor to assist the Controller in reporting information incidents promptly including where it might be required to contact the data subject?	Yes	4.2.10 (m)
Does the contract state what should happen to the data at the end of the contract or in the event of termination such as return of the data or secure destruction?	Yes	6.3
Does the contract require the Processor to allow for a comply with audits including inspections conducted by the Controller or a third party engaged by the Controller?	Yes	4.2.10 (j)

Name of Supplier: The Bunker

Contract reviewed: The Bunker GDPR Addendum

Clause	Status	Comments
Is the processor required to provide, on request evidence that they have implemented appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect Personal Data including storage and transmission of data, business continuity, staff training, auditing, access control and Cyber security?	Yes	s 2.5.2
Does the contract state that the processor shall not engage another processor without prior specific or general written authorisation of the controller?	Yes	s 2.6
Does the contract set out the subject-matter and duration of the processing, the nature and purpose of the processing, the type of personal data and	Yes	Data Processor Addendum

categories of data subjects and the obligations and rights of the controller?		
Does the contract stipulate that the Processor processes the personal data only on documented instructions from the controller, including with regard to transfers of personal data to a third country or an international organisation, unless required to do so by law and in those cases will notify the Controller?	Yes	s 2.5.1
Does the contract state that all staff employed by the processor have contracts that include confidentiality clauses and that Personal Data will not be shared with third party unless required to do so by law?	Yes	Yes
Does the contract require the Processor to assist the Controller to respond to requests for exercising the data subject's rights i.e. access to information, correction of errors?	Yes	2.5.5
Does the contract require the Processor to assist the Controller in reporting information incidents promptly including where it might be required to contact the data subject?	Yes	s 2.5.5
Does the contract state what should happen to the data at the end of the contract or in the event of termination such as return of the data or secure destruction?	Yes	s 2.5.7
Does the contract require the Processor to allow for a comply with audits including inspections conducted by the Controller or a third party engaged by the Controller?	Yes	s 2.5.8



Lawful Processing

SOURCES

[Data Protection Act 2018 \(DPA\)](#)

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[Information Commissioner – Guide to the General Data Protection Regulations \(ICO Guide\)](#)

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1. DEFINITIONS / CONTEXT

Controllers must have a valid lawful basis in order to process personal data.

There are six available lawful bases for processing. No single basis is 'better' or more important than the others – which basis is most appropriate to use will depend on your purpose and relationship with the individual.

Most lawful bases require that processing is 'necessary'. If Controllers can reasonably achieve the same purpose without the processing, they won't have a lawful basis.

Controllers must determine the lawful basis before they begin processing, and should document it.

Controller's privacy notices should include your lawful basis for processing as well as the purposes of the processing.

If the purposes change, Controllers may be able to continue processing under the original lawful basis if the new purpose is compatible with the initial purpose (unless the original lawful basis was consent).

If Controllers are processing special category data they will need to identify both a lawful basis for general processing and an additional condition for processing this type of data.

The conditions for CCGs undertaking automated processing such as risk stratification may also be "public task" and "medical purposes"

Where such processing could result in a decision that affects an individual, must offer a right to object before such decisions are taken, in accordance with Article 22.

Where CCGs are collecting data as part of a legal requirement, for example where NHS Digital is directed to collect specified data via CCG, lawful basis is "compliance with a legal obligation"

2. DATA CATEGORIES

The UK GDPR / DPA 18 and EU GDPR governs the processing of data that identifies living individuals and provides that Special Categories of Data is personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the processing of genetic data, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation.

The initiative involves processing of Personal Data and Special Category Data and therefore requires both a lawful basis under Art 6 UK GDPR and an condition for processing of Special Category Data

Data Processors are not in a position to determine the purpose and means of processing. However, for the purposes of supporting customers with their assessments, the following assumptions have been made.

3. LAWFUL BASIS FOR PROCESSING PERSONAL DATA

UK GDPR Article 6 (e) Public task: the processing is necessary for you to perform a task in the public interest or for your official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law.

4. CONDITION FOR PROCESSING SPECIAL CATEGORY DATA

Article 9 2 (h) Health or social care (with a basis in law)

5. OBLIGATIONS OF SECRECY

Both Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR indicate that healthcare data may be processed by healthcare providers - where the law makes provision for such services (i.e. registered healthcare professionals) or by a third party “pursuant to a contract” that creates an obligation of secrecy or “a person who in the circumstances owes a duty of confidentiality”.

Controllers are permitted to delegate their processing functions to another organisation, who collect, store, retain, display, link and destroy the data on their behalf as Processors.

There is a Processing Contract in place with the Processor to ensure that they are bound to secrecy.

6. NECESSITY

As previously identified, the Controller has responsibility to ascertaining lawful basis however, the following presumptions are made.

The processing is **necessary** for healthcare purposes because there is a statutory duty under HSCA for healthcare providers to;

Share information between health or adult social care commissioners or providers

This project will involve sharing information between health and social care commissioners and providers

Where lawful and the individual has not objected

Any existing objections to data being processed will be observed by virtue of excluding patients that have “opted out” from the extracted data set.

For the purposes likely to facilitate the provision of health services or adults social care

The sharing will provide information that supports consultations, emergency care, diagnosis directly to the individual patient and broader healthcare management.

Where it is in the individual's best interest.

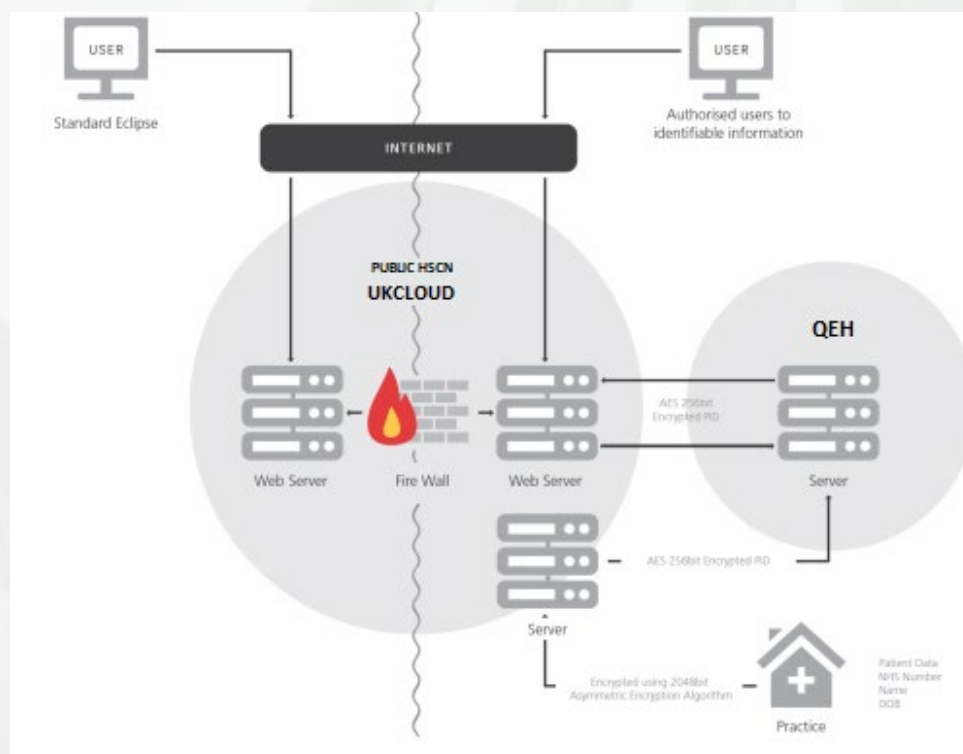
Improved and informed patient care is at the heart of the project.

7. EXPECTATIONS / COMMON LAW CONFIDENTIALITY

Section 251 CAG7-04(a)/2013 of the NHS Act 2006 and the Regulations enable the common law duty of confidentiality to be temporarily lifted so that confidential patient information can be transferred to an applicant without the discloser being in breach of the common law duty of confidentiality..

8. DE-IDENTIFICATION / PSEUDONYMISATION

Advice and Guidance (Eclipse Live) employs pseudonymisation to protect data both in transit and at rest. This is demonstrated below;



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- age (years)
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The data is 256-bit encrypted which is regarded as requiring significant cost, time and effort in order to decrypt without the necessary key.

It is also worth noting that the data is read coded which provides another layer of protection should the information be inappropriately disclosed.

It is therefore determined that, due to the de-identification, creation of a unique integer, encryption and location of the data across multiple locations, the risk of reidentification of the data sets by a motivated intruder is low.



Information Rights

SOURCES

[Data Protection Act 2018 \(DPA\)](#)

[General Data Protection Regulations \(EU\) 2016/679 \(GDPR\)](#)

[Information Commissioner – Guide to the General Data Protection Regulations \(ICO Guide\)](#)

[Information Commissioner - Information Rights](#)

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1. DEFINITIONS / CONTEXT

The UK and EU GDPR provides the following rights for individuals: The right to be informed, the right of access, the right to rectification, the right to erasure, the right to restrict processing, the right to data portability, the right to object, rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling.

Processors are contractually bound to supporting Customer Controllers with their information rights requests by virtue of Data Processing Contract. This means that they will work to support the Controller towards a timely and complete response to any request made by data subjects.

2. FACILITATION OF INFORMATION RIGHTS

Information Right	Applies?	How Supported
Right to Access	Yes, data subjects do have a right to request access to their information under this lawful basis.	<p>The PSL systems and architecture allows personal data to be extracted / printed and provided to data subject on request.</p> <p>End users can view, add notes to an alert, or an action plan connected to a priority patient. All this activity is retained within the system and can be retrieved for the purposes of providing copies to data subjects.</p> <p>The system provides an audit trail of extractions and reports such that these can also form part of a subject access request response as well.</p>
Rectification and Restriction	Yes, data subjects do have a right to request the rectification	The PSL systems and architecture allows personal data to be amended / access restricted and provides an audit trail of such amendments.

	and restriction of their personal data under this lawful basis.	<p>Since patients largely do not have a direct relationship with PSL and PSL would be unable to identify a particular individual, it is anticipated that these rights would be actioned by the healthcare provider at source.</p> <p>Where an Eclipse user identifies an inaccuracy at source and adds a read code or alters basic demographics, this will automatically be included in the Eclipse data extraction. For example, the GP adds a new allergy to the record because the patient has flagged it. The next extraction performed by Eclipse will include that information and this will be available to other users.</p>
Portability	The right to data portability only applies when your lawful basis for processing this information is consent or for the performance of a contract and so would not apply to processing under this DPIA.	Not Applicable
Erasure	The right to Erasure does not apply when processing is for Public Task and Medical Purposes and so would not apply to processing under this DPIA.	Not Applicable
Object	Yes, the data subject does have a right to object to processing of their personal data under this lawful basis.	The data subjects' ability to raise objections via the Controller is unaffected by this project. The extractions already exclude patients that have exercised objections via the NHS National Data Opt Out programme.

3. PROFILING AND AUTOMATED DECISION MAKING

Data Protection Law has provisions on:

- automated individual decision-making (making decisions solely by automated means without any human involvement) and;
- profiling (automated processing of personal data to evaluate certain things about an individual). Profiling can be part of an automated decision-making process.

Article 22 protects individuals if you are carrying out solely automated decision-making that has legal or similarly significant effects on them;

Where automated decisions are made, the Controller must give individuals information about the processing; introduce simple ways for them to request human intervention or challenge a decision; carry out regular checks to make sure that your systems are working as intended.

Profiling is: Any form of automated processing of personal data consisting of the use of personal data to evaluate certain personal aspects relating to a natural person, in particular to analyse or predict aspects about the person including concerning health.

Patients have the right not to be subject to a decision based solely on automated processing, including profiling, which produces legal effects concerning them or similarly significantly affects them.

A legal effect is something that adversely affects someone's legal rights. Similarly, significant effects are more difficult to define but would include, for example, automatic refusal of an online credit application, and e-recruiting practices without human intervention.

Article 22 applies to solely automated individual decision-making, including profiling, with legal or similarly significant effects.

If your processing does not match this definition, then you can continue to carry out profiling and automated decision-making.

DETERMINATION

PSL products and services create an aggregated version of data, pulled from the Controller systems and stored by Prescribing Services and then presented to the Controller customer for use. This effectively sorts patients into particular categories for risk or health management purposes to allow the Controller customer to make decisions about suitable interventions or healthcare management decisions. There is clearly profiling taking place that results in a decision that will affect the care options available to the individual.

The patient, in this case, is subject to care decisions made as a result automated profiling into specific patient groups or the automated identification of risk factors.

In this case, there does not appear to be an impact on the legal rights of the individual nor any significant negative effect for those having decisions made about them. Where a clinician has identified risk and feel an intervention or care option is appropriate, the individual being profiled is likely to benefit from any decisions made. Additionally, the data subject retains choice and control about whether to take options provided to them such as referral to a third-party healthcare provider.

Since the processing does not fully match the definition, it is asserted that the Controller may proceed with processing without the additional restrictions under Article 22 and ensuring that information rights and transparency requirements are observed.

1. ACCURACY / INTEGRITY

There is a requirement for Controllers to ensure that suitable data quality measures are in place including how users will be trained or instructed to use systems appropriately, how records or electronic transactions will be validated against their source when added to another system, or as a result of direct data entry and how systems will react if transactions or transfers of data are not received properly.

The following is a description of the measures in place to ensure data quality and integrity, broadly, across PSL products and services.

Data Extraction

PSL have devised an algorithm that identifies when the extracted data set falls outside of expected parameters. Irregularities are highlighted through the presence of unexpected elements i.e. the size of the data set, number of data lines, number of drugs, blood pressure readings. Where the data has characteristics which could be deemed as outliers, the extraction would not be accepted by the system and this would trigger manually scrutiny.

Data Transfer

The extracted data is encrypted for transit, in order for the data set to effectively 'land', it must decrypt which means that it must be complete. It will only allow decryption and therefore accept the file if the file is complete. The systems have interoperability so rather than show corrupt data, the system will reject it.

Algorithm Application

The algorithm is programmed to create alerts when a combination of particular data points is in existence. For example, a patient who is on combination of certain medicines known to react with one another might trigger an alert for a medication review.

The algorithm is programmed using NHS England guidance and is subject to a quarterly clinical review within PSL to ensure that the data upon which the alerts are based remains accurate and best practice. The clinical team within PSL will also undertake periodic audits of alert numbers and other outliers to identify anomalies – for example, a sudden spike in the number of alerts being issued would trigger a closer look at the data being produced.

Additionally, there is a feedback button available to all end users of the system. This allows users of the system to identify where there might be gaps in the information or perhaps an alert has been inappropriately generated. So, PSL are in receipt of around 10,000 reviews supporting the ongoing development of the service.

Re-identification

The system involves a brand-new build of the integrated data sets each week. Each build requires the extraction of the data, the replacement of the identifier with the Eclipse integer.

This means that there is low risk of a mismatch between the identifying data (NHS No, Patient Name) and the other extracted items (read codes) when they are pulled back together to facilitate the identification of a particular patient.

There have been no mismatches of this data since the system inception in 2011. The only example where a mismatch between the extracted data and the patient identity would be possible is where the wrong NHS No has been attributed to the patient within the source data and this is outside the scope of control for PSL.



**TECHNICAL AND
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1. DEFINITIONS / CONTEXT

- Personal data must be processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures
- While information security is sometimes considered as cybersecurity (the protection of your networks and information systems from attack), it also covers other things like physical and organisational security measures
- Measures taken should consider available technology, costs, nature, scope, context and purposes of processing as well as the risk of varying likelihood and severity for the rights and freedoms of natural persons
- The controller and the processor shall implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to the risk
- The impact of non-secure data processing can be as serious as becoming a victim or fraud or being put at risk of physical harm or intimidation
- Additionally, individuals are entitled to be protected from less serious kinds of harm like embarrassment or inconvenience
- The data should be accessed, altered, disclosed or deleted only by those authorised to do so (and that those people only act within the scope of the authority given to them);
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- The data should remain accessible and usable, i.e., if personal data is accidentally lost, altered or destroyed, Controllers should be able to recover it and therefore prevent any damage or distress to the individuals concerned.

2. PROPORTIONALITY

In accordance with the above risk assessment, the project has been defined as having a **GOLD** degree of risk to the rights and freedoms of data subjects in the event that appropriate technical and organisational measures are not put in place – based on the nature and volume of the data being processed.

This assessment will therefore explore each of the elements drawn out within data protection legislation for mitigation of those risks such that the residual risk is low enough to support implementation.

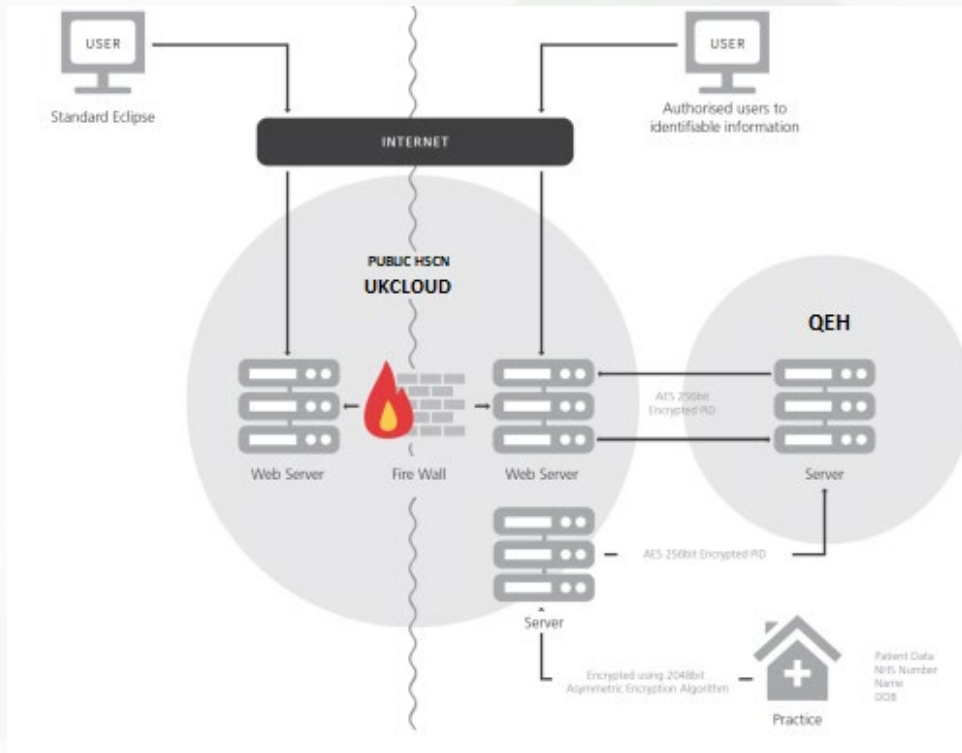
3. SECURITY OF DATA IN TRANSIT AND AT REST

Since the project involves the transfer of data through a network architecture, this assessment has obtained a number of assurances for data in transit in accordance with NHS Digital Cloud Best Practice Guidance.

- Primary care data extracts including some basic demographics (practice code, Patient system reference, gender and age) are fully encrypted to allow secure transmission of data to the PSL high security data centres (UK Cloud) using AES 256bit encryption via TLS V1.2 secure socket connections.
- Identifiable demographic data (patient file, practice code, patient system reference and NHS Number) separately extracted from the practice are also transmitted via TLS V1.2 secure socket connections but these also transferred within the HSCN environment only to the QEHKL Server.
- SUS data transferred from the CSU to secure SFTP site hosted by Prescribing Services Ltd within the HSCN. Secure AES-256bit encryption is utilised for the transmission. Here the data is linked with the Primary Care Data by virtue of the NHS Number which is then replaced with Eclipse no, linked together and saved in QEHKL. The files in the SFTP are then permanently deleted.

- All web access is encrypted using SSL TLS V1.2.

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Prescribing Services Ltd services use (where necessary) primary care data extracts imported for the provision of Clinical Decision Support, Risk Stratification and other associated purposes.

This data is imported securely and held in a de-identified form. Safety algorithms are performed on the data and presented to the user. Since the system requires recent primary care data a snapshot of the full primary record set is taken on initiation and frequently updated using delta data uploads prior to risk stratification.

The transfer of data into the into the Prescribing Services architecture uses a defined Data Migration process to safely and efficiently import all primary care data.

It is also worth noting that the data is read coded which provides another layer of protection should the information be inappropriately disclosed.

It is therefore suggested that, due to the de-identification of personal data, creation of a unique integer, encryption and location of the data across multiple locations, the risk of reidentification of the data sets by a motivated intruder is low but a determination and risk assessment will likely be conducted by the Controller(s).

4. PHYSICAL SECURITY

The following security measures have been confirmed as in place for the physical locations of project data;

- Data processed by The Bunker and UKCloud are hosted within industry standard data centres that conform to industry best practices (ISO27001 & G-Cloud IL3) and standards for security as defined in the relevant contract terms and conditions.
- Entry to the PSL premises is via a shared door access through which is controlled by a keypad and code.
- The door is also locked outside of normal working hours and entry to the building is not possible via the keypad alone.

- The company's office is then accessed by another door which is also controlled by a keypad and code and locked outside of working hours.
- The office servers and communications hardware are located in a server room which is kept locked.
- All visitors are required to sign in and out and be accompanied at all times whilst within the office premises.
- The offices include all fire fighting equipment required under current regulations. These are provided and maintained under the terms of the office occupancy contract.
- Smoke detectors are present throughout the building.
- There is CCTV in place at the PSL premises
- UKCloud has CCTV and Infrared CCTV operating 24 hours a day and covering all operational areas.
- UKCloud has 24/7 security guards on site
- UKCloud has smoke and heat detection and extinguishing systems.
- UK Cloud has backup generators, various uninterrupted power supply feeds and other redundancy such as water and air filtration systems.
- UKCloud has a security card access system
- The Bunker facilities are housed in de-commissioned cold-war era military establishments.
- The Bunker has CCTV and Infrared CCTV operating 24 hours a day and covering all operational areas.
- The Bunker has full EMP shielding to all data floors
- The Bunker has a Borer security card access system
- The Bunker has 24/7 security guards and dogs permanently on site.
- The Bunker has 3m thick walls and 3m high heavy duty security fence topped with barbed wire and is buried 0.5m underground.
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- PSL have confirmed that the QEH Server is within the QEH Hospital and is protected by the hospital's physical and procedural security controls.
- PSL have confirmed that the QEH server's access is protected by locked doors and in a server room
- PSL have confirmed that the QEH server is covered by 24/7 CCTV
- PSL have confirmed that the QEH server access is controlled by ID badges and key cards
- PSL have confirmed that the QEH hospital has security guard presence and is protected by fire and smoke detection systems.

5. CLOUD HOSTING – UKCloud

These assurance items are based on the [NHS Digital Health and Social Care Cloud Security – Good Practice Guide](#).

- PSL confirms that they use the VMWare product supplied by UKCloud
- PSL has confirmed that they have taken the steps necessary to ensure that the cryptography offered by UKCloud (VPN AES256 and HTTPS TLS Version 1.2) is in place and active for this project - such that communications between cloud components are encrypted to recognised best practice standards.
- PSL has taken steps to ensure that the max encryption levels offered by UKCloud are active for this project. Such that communications between cloud data centres are encrypted to TLS Version 1.2 or above OR IPsec or TLS VPN gateway as defined by NIST SP800-57.
- PSL has taken steps to ensure that the max encryption levels offered by UKCloud are active for this project. Such that communications between cloud admin portal and the cloud are encrypted to TLS Version 1.2 or above OR IPsec or TLS VPN gateway as defined by NIST SP800-57.
- UKCloud undertakes annual assessments against recognised standards such as ISO to test the security of the cloud communications.
- UKCloud architecture utilises strong cryptography as defined by NIST SP800-57 to encrypt communications between the Cloud and the End-user (TLS Version 1.2)
- PSL undertakes regular (minimum yearly) penetration testing of the communication between the Cloud and the End-user, ensuring that the Penetration test is well scoped such that 'Data in transit protection' is fully tested.
- The UKCloud Region is set to Farnborough, with backups being stored in the AWS London EU-WEST-2 data centre.

- UKCloud provides the ability to apply encryption facilities to ensure that no data is written to storage in an unencrypted form. The provider has ensured that this facility is active for this project.
- The provider confirms that the project utilises strong cryptography for data at rest as defined by the current version of NIST SP800-57
- PSL confirms that the data at rest encryption is tested annually against a recognised standard such as ISO or FIPS 140-2 to test the encryption strength.
- PSL has its servers on “warm standby” which are servers which could be initiated within 2 hours for any server failure. This configuration is set up in the same data centre. Should the data centre location suffer a total outage, PSL have the resources in place to set up the servers in another zone, and expect it would take about 4 hours.
- UKCloud has firewall protection which has been configured and enabled.
- UKCloud has given assertions regarding their data sanitisation approach for cloud storage. If the customer needs a specific standard/method of sanitisation such as DoD 5220.22-M (“National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual”) or NIST 800-88 (“Guidelines for Media Sanitization”) the PSL will use a secure delete tool which behaves on the UKCloud storage in the same way it would on a local physical disk.. PSL has confirmed they will delete data on request of the controller and that the appropriate deletion tool will be used in accordance with the risk posed by the data therein. PSL has a destruction policy as part of their ISO27001 certification.
- Regarding equipment disposal, UKCloud is certified with ISO/IEC 27001:2013, and CSA STAR Level 1
- UKCloud security protections and control processes (including sanitisation) are independently validated by multiple third-party independent assessments:
<https://ukcloud.com/governance/>
- UKCloud operates data centers in alignment with the Tier III+ guidelines, and guarantee an up time of 99.9999%> (excluding planned maintenance).

6. CLOUD HOSTING – The Bunker

These assurance items are based on the [NHS Digital Health and Social Care Cloud Security – Good Practice Guide](#).

This assurance relates to the following PSL services;

- ✓ Eclipse Development Analytics
- PSL confirms that they use the VMWare product supplied by UKCloud
- PSL has confirmed that they have taken the steps necessary to ensure that the cryptography offered by The Bunker (VPN AES256 and HTTPS TLS Version 1.2) is in place and active for this project - such that communications between cloud components are encrypted to recognised best practice standards.
- PSL has taken steps to ensure that the max encryption levels offered by The Bunker are active for this project. Such that communications between cloud data centres are encrypted to TLS Version 1.2 or above OR IPsec or TLS VPN gateway as defined by NIST SP800-57.
- PSL has taken steps to ensure that the max encryption levels offered by The Bunker are active for this project. Such that communications between cloud admin portal and the cloud are encrypted to TLS Version 1.2 or above OR IPsec or TLS VPN gateway as defined by NIST SP800-57.
- The Bunker undertakes annual assessments against recognised standards such as ISO to test the security of the cloud communications.
- The Bunker architecture utilises strong cryptography as defined by NIST SP800-57 to encrypt communications between the Cloud and the End-user (TLS Version 1.2)
- PSL undertakes regular (minimum yearly) penetration testing of the communication between the Cloud and the End-user, ensuring that the Penetration test is well scoped such that 'Data in transit protection' is fully tested.
- The Bunker Region is set to Berkshire with backups being stored in the AWS London EU-WEST-2 data centre.

- The Bunker provides the ability to apply encryption facilities to ensure that no data is written to storage in an unencrypted form. The provider has ensured that this facility is active for this project.
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<https://www.thebunker.net/compliance/>
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7. DATA SUBJECT USER AUTHENTICATION

There is no data subject access to systems or data.

8. PROFESSIONAL USERS - AUTHENTICATION

To ensure that the authentication of professional users of the system is in line with Gov.UK and NIST standards, the following assurances have been sought and confirmed;

- Most users use NHS Pathways credentials logging into the system.
- Professional user log in is multi-factor. The user logs in using a username and password and then uses a code received from an SMS/Email.
- For professional users, the password at least 8 characters long but does NOT set a maximum length.
- For professional users, when password is changed, the user receives an alert making them aware that their password has recently been changed?
- For professional users, the system explains the password constraints to professional users
- For professional users, the system gives professional users 5 attempts to enter their password correctly before locking their account or do any further security checks.
- For professional users, the system hides professional user passwords by default
- For professional users, the system allows the professional user to paste their password
- For professional users the Passwords of professional users stored salted and hashed, using algorithms and strengths recommended in NIST Cryptography Standards

- For professional users, when a professional user enters their account details incorrectly, the system conceals whether they got the username or password wrong.
- For professional users, when locked out or changing password, the professional user is sent a time-limited password-reset code to the phone number or email that they registered with that does not use password reset questions and does not use password reminders.
- For professional users, when a password is changed, the professional user receives an alert making them aware that their password has recently been changed.
- The software allows different privileges for different job roles
- For professional users, when a professional user is logged in, the organisation that they are logged in under presents itself on screen throughout their use of the system.
- For professional users, professional users have cannot have more than one role per login.

It has been confirmed that Prescribing Services would only ever access personal data in the following scenarios;

When a clinical customer requires technical support, or if they have put the format of a date of birth in incorrectly for example. The users will call the CCG and then the CCG will come to PSL. PSL does not deal with patients/customers direct under normal protocol.

9. SYSTEM AUDIT

The project introduces a system or software that professional users directly access and so there is a need to ensure that the audit functionality for the asset is appropriate such that transparency is supported and Administrators have the necessary oversight.

The following assurances have been sought and obtained;

- All systems / software enables and supports investigations for any reason (e.g. inappropriate access or cyber security incident)

- The system / software allows identification of any changes which have been made to clinical or administrative data, Patient/Service User data. This includes identifying what changes were made, by what user and at what time.
- The systems provide completed auditing:
 - Username (Where logged in)
 - Time of event
 - Activity undertaken
 - IP address of action
 - Duration of activity
- The systems allow monitoring of whether access controls are working as intended. Administrators may audit the movements of all staff, so it is possible to check that they are not accessing areas which they shouldn't be or seeing things or doing things they shouldn't be.
- System audit trail includes updates, backups, any maintenance activities or reference data changes.
- For successful login audit data includes User ID, date and time (hh:mm:ss)
- For unsuccessful login audit data includes number of attempts, Date and time, Access point (if available), User ID (if available)
- The Password Change audit data includes User ID, User whose password was changed, Date and time, end-user device (or Solution) identification information

10. INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS

All data sets have UK regions selected.

Customer / patient data does not leave the UK.

11. DUE DILIGENCE

The stakeholders have achieved the following accreditations that assist to reduce the risk to the rights and freedoms of data subjects;

- PSL has completed a compliant NHS Data Protection and Security Toolkit for the current year available at [PSL Toolkit](#)
- PSL has achieved ISO27001 accreditation – certificate number 1412892
- Wellbeing Software has completed a compliant NHS Data Protection and Security Toolkit for the current year available at [Wellbeing Toolkit](#)
- Wellbeing Software has achieved ISO27001 accreditation as confirmed via [Wellbeing ISO27001](#)
- The Bunker has submitted a compliant NHS Data Protection and Security Toolkit for the current year available at [The Bunker Toolkit](#)
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- UK Cloud has submitted a compliant NHS Data Protection and Security Toolkit for the current year available at [UKCloud Toolkit](#)
- UKCloud has achieved ISO27001 accreditation as confirmed via [UKCloud Governance](#)

As part of the impact assessment, a review of media coverage was undertaken to determine whether there have been reports of breaches or complaints relating to suppliers or partners involved in the service delivery.

At the time of writing no stakeholders had no media presence with regards to data breaches.

Checks have been undertaken with regards to the UK Information Commissioner and all parties, where relevant, are registered and their registrations are below

- PSL are registered with the ICO under the registration number Z2536678
- Wellbeing Software are registered with the ICO under the registration number ZA640896
- The Bunker are registered with the ICO under the registration number Z8856975
- UKCloud are registered with the ICO under the registration number Z2926991

The stakeholders have identified the following leads for data protection matters;

- Prescribing Services Ltd - Emma Cooper - emma.cooper@kafico.co.uk
- Wellbeing Software - wellbeingservice@wellbeingsoftware.com
- The Bunker - Christopher.scott@thebunker.net
- UKCloud - dpo@ukcloud.com

PSL have policies that cover the following subjects;

- Information Governance
- Data Protection Impact Assessments
- Data Subject Rights
- Information Incidents
- Information Security

- Privacy / Confidentiality
- Risk and Audit

All employees of PSL have clauses within their contracts that include confidentiality and compliance with company Information Governance Policies.

All PSL employees that access personal data as part of their role have Data Protection and Security Training each year.