

# **Introduction to Information Governance**

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## **Information Governance**

Information Governance is the controls, policies and procedures that need to be in place to ensure information is:

- Handled
- Obtained
- Processed
- Stored
- Shared
- Disposed of

Safely and securely



## **Information Governance**

- Data Protection Act 1998
- Freedom of Information Act 2000
- Health and Social Care Act 2012 (section 251)
- Information Security Standards ISO/IEC-27002:27005
- Management NHS code of Practice
- The NHS Confidentiality Code of Practice
- Caldicott Principles
- The Records Management NHS Code of Practice
- Information Quality Assurance





## **Information Governance Toolkit**

- Information Governance Assessment Tool
- Annual submission by 31<sup>st</sup> March
  - ➤ CQC, NHS England
- Organisations have to demonstrate compliance with the following:
  - ➤ Information Governance Management
  - Confidentiality and Data Protection
  - ➤ Information Security



## **Information Governance Toolkit**

# Guidance for Care Homes Completing their first Information Governance (IG) Toolkit





## Information Governance – Types of Information

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

This relates to Information about a person which would enable that person's identity to be established by one means or another. This could be fairly explicit such as an unusual surname or isolated postcode or items of different information which if taken together could allow the person to be identified. All information that relates to an attribute of an individual should be considered as potentially capable of identifying them to a greater or lesser extent.

#### **SENSITIVE INFORMATION:**

This can be broadly defined as that which if lost or compromised could affect individuals, organisations or the wider community. This is wider than, but includes, information defined as sensitive under the Data Protection Act 1998, e.g. an individual's bank account details are likely to be deemed 'sensitive', as are financial and security information about an organisation.

## Information Governance – Types of Information

#### PSEUDONYMISED INFORMATION:

Pseudonymised data/information is anonymous to the people who hold or receive it (e.g. a research team), but contains information or codes that would allow others (e.g. those responsible for the individual's care) to identify an individual from it. (Also referred to as linked anonymised).

#### **ANNONYMISED INFORMATION:**

Anonymised data are data prepared from personal information, but from which the person cannot be identified by the recipient of the information.



# Activity: What type of information do the statements relate to?

Characteristics		Personal	Confidenti	Anonymised	Pseudonymised
			al		
A.	Is about a named individual's next				
	hospital appointment				
B.	The information does not directly				
	identify an individual				
C.	Might include names and addresses				
D.	No-one can link the information back				
	to a specific individual				
E.	Identifying information will have been				
	replaced with a code				
F.	The information directly identifies				
	particular individuals				



#### **Data Protection Act 1998**

- Processed Fairly & Lawfully
- Processing personal data for one or more specified & lawful purposes
- Adequate, relevant & not excessive
- Accurate & up to date
- Not kept any longer than necessary
- Processed in accordance with the "data subject's" (the individual's) rights
- Securely Kept
- Not transferred outside the EEA without adequate security in place



## **Caldicott Guardian**

- Every NHS organisation should have a Caldicott Guardian to safeguard patient information and confidentiality
- It is usually someone with a clinical background



## **Caldicott Principles**

- 1. Justify the purpose of using confidential information
- 2. Only use it when absolutely necessary
- 3. Use the minimum required
- 4. Allow access on a strict need-to-know basis
- 5. Understand your responsibility
- 6. Understand and comply with the law
- Sharing information can be as important as the duty to protect patient confidentiality



## Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides public access to information held by public authorities:

- Public authorities are obliged to publish certain information about their activities
- Members of the public are entitled to request information from public authorities.
- Unless an exemption applies the organisation has to release the information. (if they hold it)
- The organisation has 20 working days in which to respond.



# **Information Sharing**

In most cases you will need consent from the person before you can share information about them:

- Implied consent when consent is implied by the behaviour of the individual
- Explicit consent when full informed consent must be obtained, usually in writing



# **Information Sharing – Without Consent**

Other reasons when we may share or disclose personal information:

- When the law requires e.g. court order
- To prevent harm to the patient or to others
- In the overriding public interest



## **Information Sharing**

# We Share because we care – Sharing Health records

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sD4QiquLZiw&t=90s



## **Information Security**

It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure information is kept secure:

- How information is stored?
- How information is shared?
- How information is disposed of?

Aim is to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of information and systems



# Activity: Angelique (IT Technician)

#### **Scenario**

- Can I borrow your ID badge to get into the Authorised Area\*, I've left mine at home and I've only got this temporary pass!
- What would you do? Consider the options then look at the feedback on the next slide

<sup>\*</sup>Think about the areas or rooms in your organisation that have restricted access

Options	
A.	Lend her the pass
В.	Tell her you cannot lend her your pass
C.	Escort her to the area and let her in



## **Information Incidents Data Loss/Breach**

# Danni's Day

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNZBLU\_DPog

What Danni did wrong





#### **Information Incidents Data Breach**

# What is a Data Breach?

- Loss or theft of data or equipment on which data is stored
- Unlawful disclosure or misuse of confidential data
- Recording or sharing of inaccurate date
- Inappropriate sharing of information
- Equipment failure
- Unforeseen circumstances such as a fire or flood



## Information Incidents Data Breach

# What is a Cyber Breach?

A cyber related incident is anything that could (or has) compromised information assets with cyberspace.

- Denial of Service attacks
- Phishing emails
- Social Media Disclosures
- Web site defacement
- Malicious Internal damage
- Spoof website
- Cyber Bullying



## **Information Incidents Data Breach**

# Why do we report?

- Legislation requires us to report
- Transparency
- Allows controls to be put into place to minimise impact to the organisation
- Processes to be reviewed/updated to mitigate similar incidents occurring
- Avoid fines



All staff have a responsibility to report IG incidents whether deliberate or accidental

- In the first instance your Line Manager
- The Incident Reporting tool within the IG Toolkit (level 2 and above)

https://www.igt.hscic.gov.uk/resources/HSCIC%20SIRI%20Reporting%20and%20Checklist%20Guidance.pdf



# Once a data/cyber breach has occurred, the following should be considered.

- Who should I notify in the first instance
- Who needs to be made aware of the breach
- Are there any legal or contractual requirements
- What documents need to be completed
- Does the breach need to be reported to the ICO (level 2)
- What lessons have been learned
- What needs to be put in place to mitigate further risk



# How to report an incident

- Notify the nominated person who will lead investigation
- Notify relevant manager member by telephone or email
- Complete an IG incident form



# **Completing the Incident Form**

- Speed report suspected breaches ASAP
  - We must report incidents to NHS Digital
- Details
  - What happened?
  - What should have happened?
  - When did it happen? Specify dates & times
  - Who is involved? Organisations, individuals, job titles, phone numbers, email addresses etc.
  - Have you done anything in response? Contact?
  - Quantify type of information, is it PID, numbers of individuals affected



# Anecdotal Evidence - Benefit of NHSmail in a particular Care Home

- Improved communication between providers
- Care Homes able to plan for residents ahead of time
- Savings to GP time
- Added value to residents' families
- Less use of Fax machines



## **Information Governance**

**Any Questions Please?** 



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