

DATA SECURITY AND PROTECTION TOOLKIT (DSPT) AND FAST TRACK NHSMAIL UPDATES

Dear Care Provider

As you may be aware the deadline for completing the Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT), which enables you to be compliant with national guidance around Information Governance has been extended due to Covid.

We understand that you have many competing priorities at this time. However, nationally, digital teams have asked all care homes and home care organisations to register on the DSPT website. The national support offer around training is under discussion and the level of support offered will depend on how many care providers register for the toolkit.

We will provide a further update when the national support offer is finalised.

To be included in this training and support specifically for care providers we encourage you to register your organisation now:

<https://www.dsptoolkit.nhs.uk/Account/RegisterOrganisationCode>

If you would like the DSPT North team to complete the registration process on your behalf for your organisation, please provide the following information and return england.dsptnorth@nhs.net:

Site Name and Postcode:

Name of User:

Nhs.net email address:

You will then receive a 'System Generated' email allowing you to create a password for the account, you need to do this within 24 hours, otherwise you will need to re-register.

DSPT North as an NHS England regional team (NEY & NW) are restarting training and support packages to guide you through the process of completing the toolkit whilst we are waiting to hear what the national offer entails.

NHSX have clarified that the DSPT waiver has been initially extended until **31st March 2021**, however care providers are still increasingly at risk during this period and we would recommend DSP Toolkit webinar attendance as soon as feasibly possible to ensure compliance with critical elements of GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.

NHSX are leading on the wider digital programme and are requesting that care providers are registered before **30th September 2020** so they can work out a support package involving NHS England Regional Teams with DSPT North as delivery partners for NEY and NW. See this publication for reference

<https://www.digitalsocialcare.co.uk/data-security-and-protection-toolkit-waiver-for-social-care-update/>

NHSmail update

NHS Digital will begin to deactivate any NHSmail email addresses which have not been used in the last 6 months. This process will commence at the end of **September 2020** and therefore includes fast track accounts. Care providers will then have six months to reactivate the accounts before they are permanently deleted. A tool is being developed to reflect the percentage of accounts active with recognition that Acceptable Use Policy sign in is not an insightful measure of activity.

Best Wishes,

DSPT North Team