

# An Introduction to the Oxfordshire Information Sharing Framework 2018

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The 2018 update to the Oxfordshire Information Sharing Framework has been produced to reflect the rapidly developing digital landscape and the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). It has been approved by the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire (West) STP IG Steering Group in consultation with Oxfordshire GP Federations and LMC.

The Framework is described in the diagram overleaf.

As before, the Framework has a two-tier approach:

1. An overarching Data Sharing Agreement which all participating organisations sign. This commits them to the lawful processing of data which has been shared by other data controllers.
2. Individual Data Sharing Protocols, which describe the details of shared datasets in a standard format. They describe how and why the data is shared and who will be using it. Protocols should be written in such a way that the Data Controller can explain to patients how their data is being used.

There are two further documents in the Framework:

3. Information Sharing Guidance, which lays out the laws and principles which underpin the Framework and by which data may be confidently and safely shared.
4. A Data Processing Agreement. This is a new addition to the Framework, and describes the roles and responsibilities of organisations (such as SCW CSU) processing data on behalf of Data Controllers. Any data processed under this agreement will be described in Data Sharing Protocols.

There are two further documents closely associated with the Framework and which are required by GDPR:

5. Privacy Notices (formerly Fair Processing Notices)
6. Data Protection Impact Assessments (formerly Privacy Impact Assessment)

The development and roll out of all these documents will be overseen by the IG Steering Group, supported by the Oxfordshire Federations and OCCG. A new service, initially hosted by SCW CSU, will manage the distribution of documents and any queries via a dedicated email address.

