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eHealth, Legal, Ethical and Governance Challenges



Information Governance & eHealth

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Governance Phases:

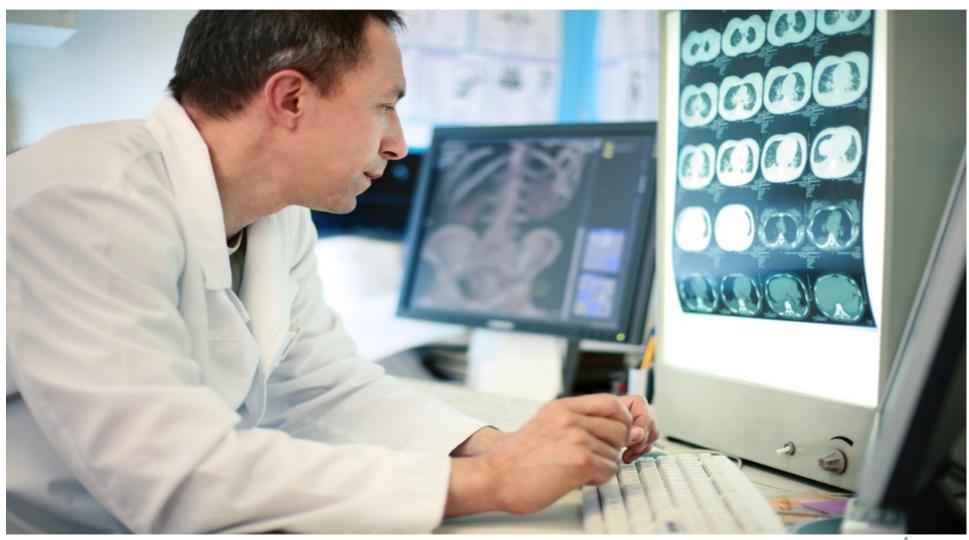
- Clinical & Social Care Governance
- Corporate Governance
- Research Governance
- Information Governance



Health Records Data



Clinical Care Activity Data



Telehealth, Telemedicine, Telecare



IG sits alongside the other governance initiatives to ensure that personal information is handled legally, securely, efficiently and effectively supporting the overarching aim of delivering the best possible care. In England there is working model known as the NHS IG Toolkit. So far there are 24 versions of this toolkit designed for different organisations.

Acute Trust

Ambulance Trust

Any Qualified Provider - Clinical Services

Any Qualified Provider - Non Clinical Services

Clinical Commissioning Group

Commercial Third Party

Commissioning Organisation

Community Health Provider

Community Pharmacy/DAC

Dental Practice

Eye Care Service

General Practice

Hosted Secondary Use Team/Project

Local Authority

Mental Health Trust

NHS Business Partner/ITC/ALB

NHS Business Services Authority

NHS Direct

PCT Cluster

Prison Health

Secondary Use Organisation

Social Care Delivery

Strategic Health Authority/Cluster

Voluntary Sector Organisation



The IG requirements for NHS Acute Trusts are given as an example.

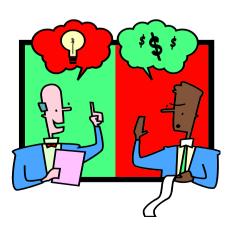


Information Governance Toolkit Requirements for Acute Hospitals:

- 1. Information Governance Management
- 2. Confidentiality and Data Protection Assurance
- 3. Information Security Assurance
- 4. Clinical Information Assurance
- 5. Secondary Use Assurance
- 6. Corporate Information Assurance

Pros:

- Comprehensive
- Adaptable
- Annual Exercise
- Raises Awareness
- Promotes Good Practice



Cons:

- Needs considerable resources
- Has to catch up with new organisations and technologies
- Centrally driven, top down
- Tick box approach
- Relies on self assessment

Possible research questions:

- What are the main drivers for information governance?
 Patients or wider influences?
- What approach to IG is appropriate for certain countries or different types of healthcare system?
- Is a top down, centrally driven approach the best way?
- What type of governance structures in various organisations

are most effective?

Thank you for your attention.

What do you think?