Sharing patient information

Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust uses patient information in lots of different ways to ensure the best treatment for our service users.

To ensure each new regular use of information is legal, we undertake a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA), which is a risk assessment recommended by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), which is the regulator of the Data Protection Act 2018. These assessments are processed by the Trust's Information Governance Team and approved by the Caldicott Guardian.

To make sure we are being transparent with our patients about what we are doing with their information, we regularly publish and update our most recent list of approved DPIAs.

Following the Trust's updating its DPIA documentation to meet the needs of the new Data Protection Legislation from May 2018, any DPIAs authorised using that documentation now have a detailed summary of the project it concerns and its benefits.

Recently approved DPIAs

Ratified	Project	Details
11/06/2018	Diamnant Data Management System	Renal Department is acquiring new dialysis machines for its Brighton, Worthing and Bexhill units aiming to improve patient's quality of treatment. The purpose of Diamant system, although being an EPR itself, for the Renal Department is to transfer dialysis sessions data from the machines to our system CV5. This should be possible with the development of an interface in co-operation between CCl, CV5 vendor and Diasoft, Diamant vendor.

06/06/2018	ICE Access - Spire-Montefiore	Clinical staff at Montefiore Private Hospital request pathology tests to be carried out at BSUH Pathology department. Results are issued via the Pathology reporting system (ICE) and personal data is required to ensure test results are linked to the appropriate patient. A data protection impact assessment has been carried out and there are acceptable security controls and staff training procedures in place. A comprehensive service level agreement and contract provides robust data protection protocols.
13/08/2018	FFRct-Heartflow	This project will allow access to Heartflow analysis of cardiac CT datasets to evaluate fractional flow reserve (a marker of coronary plaque stenosis) on coronary vessels. This analysis will allow more extensive evaluation of the coronary anatomy in patients and identify significant coronary stenosis which may require further intervention. Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals has been recognised as a high volume centre for cardiac CT and as such has been nominated by Heartflow as a project site for the NHS England Innovation project. This centrally funded national NHS England project allows access to Heartflow tools until April 2019 giving the opportunity for cardiac centres to fully embed this novel analysis tool in clinical pathways for patients presenting with stable chest pain. The utility of FFRct as tool for coronary assessment is also supported in eth recently published NICE guidance (CG95) for stable chest pain. The DPIA process, transference and anonymization of patient data has been carefully explained in the preceding statements. The theoretical risks have been fully explored by clinical, IT and information governance teams at Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals.

23/08/2018	Free NHS WiFi	This project was started off the back of a government initiative to offer free Wi-Fi to all patients visiting NHS sites. A guest WiFi service was offered, however this was through a 3rd party and did not conform to the NHS Digital standards and policies. This DPIA covers the usage of personal data that is submitted through the internet portal guest registrations process. As part of this work, no risks were highlighted to data subjects
05/10/2018	BSUH-SASH OpenNetII	Clinical staff at BSUH and SASH request pathology tests to be carried out at their respective Pathology departments. Results are issued to clinicians via the Pathology reporting system (ICE) and personal data is required to ensure test results are linked to the appropriate patient. Where there is patient shared care between BSUH and SASH it is desirable for clinicians to view pathology test results on each other's ICE systems. ICE OpenNetII provides this functionality. A data protection impact assessment has been carried out and there are acceptable security controls and staff training procedures in place at each trust. A comprehensive East Surrey and Sussex data sharing agreement provides robust data protection protocols, BSUH and SASH are signatories to this agreement.

If you would like further information about any of these DPIAs or the information being shared, please email either Martin.gibson@bsuh.nhs.uk Operational Information Governance Lead, or Aimee.edwards3@nhs.net Information Governance Manager.