

**Health and Social Care  
General Data Protection Regulation  
Working Group  
Subgroup on Research  
Terms of Reference**

**1. Aim of the group**

To consider the impact of the GDPR on health and social care research, and address concerns through guidance to health and social care research communities and advice to DCMS.

**2. Governance and Chair**

This group sits as a stand-alone group in and of itself, but also feeds into the broader GDPR working group, chaired by NHS England.

Documents/guidance informed by the group will be formally owned and published by the HRA.

HRA will chair the group meetings.

**3. Objectives**

The objectives of the group are:

1. supporting alignment across the system;
2. developing a clear understanding of issues that organisations will need to address to comply with the GDPR;
3. informing plans and the development of guidance by the HRA in areas that would benefit from a shared sector-specific approach;
4. complementing guidance developed by the ICO and demonstrate the interlinkages with the wider IG landscape;
5. providing DCMS with recommendations on derogations and safeguards;
6. providing self-help and mutual support.

**4. Methods**

The group will collaborate to develop proposals and materials to facilitate discussion on specific programmes of work, drawing on expertise from outside the group. Facilitation means that the group will provide/nominate members/meeting spaces for the working groups that will produce the individual pieces of guidance that this group agrees are needed.

The broader GDPR working group has identified two pieces of work on research (subject to change): a high-level statement about changes on the horizon and a suite of guidance for the research community on implementation of the GDPR.

## **5. Current Membership**

Cancer Research UK  
Clinical Practice Research Datalink  
Department of Health  
Health Research Authority  
Information Commissioner's Office  
Medical Research Council  
Members of the NHS-HE Information Governance Working Group  
NHS Digital  
NHS England  
NHS European Office  
NHS R&D Forum  
PHG Foundation  
Wellcome Trust  
Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute

## **6. Quoracy**

There is no formal quoracy and meetings will be arranged to accommodate best availability.

## **7. Frequency of meetings and timeframe of group**

Meetings will take place as necessary. Once guidance on GDPR is produced, the group will review its objectives and establish if there is a need to continue.