

DATA PROTECTION OFFICE NEWS

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Medical Examiners

The Medical Examiners programme was set to be a statutory requirement from April 2023. However, as the LMC raised previously, it now won't become a statutory requirement at this time and has a new target date of April 2024. Locally it continues to be a pilot until then with the existing laws unchanged.

[Written statements - Written questions, answers and statements - UK Parliament](#)

Data Security & Protection Toolkit – annual submission deadline

The deadline for the submission of your practice's annual Data Security & Protection Toolkit return is **Friday 30th June**.

[Log In \(dsptoolkit.nhs.uk\)](https://dsptoolkit.nhs.uk)

As you will be aware, the DSPT is an annual assessment that must be completed by all organisations which have access to NHS patient data. The toolkit provides assurances that GP practices and other organisations have the proper measures in place to ensure that this information is kept safe and secure, by measuring their performance against the National Data Guardian's 10 data security standards.

I have attached a spreadsheet, which should help with the completion of the toolkit; please refer to columns L & M for required evidence items specific to GP practices.



Appendix 1 DSPT
Requirements 22-23

If you require any further support, please do not hesitate to contact me. Alternatively, you can contact the DSPT helpdesk directly at Exeter.helpdesk@nhs.net/ Tel: 0300 303 4034.

Data Protection training

Having received requests for training from several practices, I have started to deliver Data Protection training sessions for GP practice teams. There are online training sessions from a variety of providers available, but if you would prefer a short F2F session, I am very happy to come out to your practice building to support you with this.

If you wish to discuss any of the above, or any other Data Protection concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07951 530 417 or Jane.hilldpo@nhs.net